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Suwaso's fate now with lawmakers

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

n the eve of lawmakers' critical land lease vote, the Department of Public Lands told the Legislature vesterday it supports Suwaso Corp.'s proposal to extend by 15 years its existing 25-year land lease agreement for Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

With DPL Secretary Oscar M. Babauta telling Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) of DPL's support to

Suwaso, the decision now rests with law-

Babauta said that DPL and Suwaso

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June visitor arrivals down 17 pct.

ern Mariana Islands were down 17 percent compared to June 2010, as the beach destination continues to feel the negative effects of the March 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis in Japan.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 23,604 visitors in June compared to 28,372 in June 2010. Overall, visitor

June 2011 visitor arrivals to the North- arrivals are down 5 percent this fiscal year to 251,992 visitors.

> Arrivals from Japan dropped 36 percent to 8,645. In addition to travel being dampened by the earthquake, in June 2011 the CNMI received only two daily flights from Narita compared to three daily flights in June 2010. Overall arrivals from Japan this fiscal year are down 14 percent.

> The industry in Japan, however, is already seeing a gradual recovery in July and August and arrivals from the key Japan market are expected to gradually improve as the peak summer season begins. Flights from Osaka resumed in mid-July and will continue through August.

> Arrivals from the primary market of Korea dropped 21 percent in June to 7,064 arrivals. In addition to travel from Korea being negatively impacted by the Japan earthquake, Asiana Airlines decreased the number of daytime flights from Incheon to Saipan from four to two flights weekly in May, resulting in a loss of 1,250 seats during June. In addition, flights from Busan were terminated in early June.

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One of the visiting students from Korea looks at the camera while meeting with Senate and House of Representatives members on Tuesday on Capital Hill, as

part of the Western International School of Excellence's summer camp program, which helps Korean students improve their English language skills and know more about foreign cultures, among other HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Macau casino experts to show how to do it right

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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At Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's request on Saturday, a group of Macau investors and consultants will be making a presentation for CNMI lawmakers on how to build a profitable casino industry, should a pending Saipan casino gambling legalization bill becomes law.

House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) informed House members yesterday about the casino experts' presentation in

the governor's conference room at 9am on Monday.

The governor is concerned about a pending local bill's provision allowing for a \$575 million exclusive casino license fee on Saipan, said press secretary Angel Demapan.

Demapan said the governor wants lawmakers, especially members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative delegation, to hear from casino experts before the delegation votes on the pend-

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Garrison rescinds resignation

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com REPORTER

Less than a month before the effective date of his resignation, Craig Garrison rescinded his decision to resign from the Public School System—a decision that he said was prompted by the request of his many supporters.

Garrison confirmed with the Saipan Tribune yesterday that he submitted a letter rescinding his resignation to the office of Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan and to the system's Human Resource Office director, Charlie Kenty.

Garrison was the principal of Marianas High School. He resigned in July, citing irreconcilable differences with the PSS leadership. His resignation was supposed to become effective on Sept. 1 but Sablan later placed

him on administrative leave until the end of

Tribune Saipan learned that Garrison's letter rescinding his resignation

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Local



Cancer outreach draws 30 volunteers

By CLARISSA V. DAVID clarissa_david@saipantribune.com REPORTER

About 30 volunteers have signed up for the breast and cervical cancer health outreach training program of the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

CCA program manager Tina Sablan said yesterday that they are "overwhelmed" with the community's response on their call for volunteers, adding that their goal was to have only 10 volunteers.

"This is a pilot project and it's the first time that we're going to be doing this, training volunteers to be able to reach out to the community," she told Saipan Tribune. "Hopefully, this is the first of our many training programs."

Te volunteers will need to complete 12 sessions, broken down to two-hour training sessions every week for a total of six weeks.

The group of volunteers, Sablan said, has so far completed trainings in Cancer 101; Basics of Breast & Cervical Cancer; Nutrition, Physical Activity, & BMI; Navigating Resources & Making Referrals; The Breast & Cervical Screening Program; Patient Privacy Rights & Sensitivity Training; Introduction to Communication Skills & Outreach Strategies; and Life Beyond Cancer (Survivorship).

wealth Health Center Women's Clinic's Dr. Jeanolivia Grant, registered dietician Hee Jae Lee; Breast & Cervical Screening Program manager Jocelyn Songsong; Comprehensive Cancer Control Program manager Joanne Ogo; and HIV/STD Program manager John Moreno.

According to Sablan, volunteers are given a pre-test before the training session to determine

Next week, nurse and patient Trainers include Common-

> behavior-related and it's something that people do have con-

While they already have the graduate from the training program next Saturday, Sablan said it's only the beginning.



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their knowledge on the topic as well as a post-test to determine their level of understanding on the training they received.

"They [volunteers] also have a training manual, which also provides guidance on the subjects covered in the training," she added.

On Saturday, Sablan said they will have an outreach planning meeting with Glimpses, the marketing agency they contracted for the training program.

Their goal is to be helping us with a media campaign as well as our outreach materials that the volunteers will be using in their outreach activities," said Sablan.

educator Bobby Ayres will wrap up the training program with awareness and lifestyle strategies that the volunteers can come up with in living a healthier life and reducing overall cancer risks. "A lot of it is lifestyle and

trol over so we want to emphasize that in the community," explained Sablan. volunteers who are expected to

"When they complete the graduation, that's just the beginning of the whole outreach campaign. We're very excited," she added.





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Last day today to register dogs in San Antonio

Today is the last day of dog registration in San Antonio before the Dog Control Program staff of the Saipan Mayor's Office moves to its next site.

Woman lands in hospital after broomstick beating

A man allegedly slapped his girlfriend and repeatedly hit her with a broomstick Tuesday afternoon at a house in Koblerville.

Julio Litulumar Emangmai, 25, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at \$10,000 cash.

The victim was brought to the Commonwealth Health Center due to bruises all over her upper back, left shoulder, eyes, left cheek, and left jaw. The left side of her head was also swollen, police said.

Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that police officers responded to Alaguan Street in Koblerville on Tuesday at 5:23pm after police received a disturbance call. When the officers arrived at the house, they saw the victim lying on the ground.

The victim told police that Emangmai repeatedly slapped her until she fell to the ground. He then allegedly hit her back several times with a broomstick. A witness called the police. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Ray B. Lizama, program director, said that their staff will move to the Koblerville Fire Substation on Monday, Aug. 8.

"We will conduct dog reg-

istration there for the next two weeks," he said.

Lizama is optimistic that many residents in San Antonio and neighboring areas will register their pets. "We encourage those who have not yet registered their dogs, especially those living in San Antonio and nearby villages, to stop by the Fire Substation to register their dogs," he said.

Those who want to register their dogs should go first to any of the three government cashier offices—the Treasury Office on Capital Hill, the Tax and Revenue Office in Dandan, or the Commonwealth Superior Court—to pay for the license fees before they go to the registration site.

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Buckingham to high court: Sorry for late filing

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham appeared yesterday in the CNMI Supreme Court to accept responsibility and express his apologies to the court for his office's failure to file on time a response to an appeal in a criminal

"I humbly offer a sincere apology to the Court for these omissions, for the adverse impact they had on the administration of justice and for the time that this issue has taken away from other responsibilities of this Honorable Court,"

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Burglary at Coldeen

Crime Stoppers is seeking the commu-

nity's assistance for information on a bur-

glary and theft incident that occurred at

the residence of Bob Coldeen, located on

Navy Hill Road, Chalan Galaide.

Buckingham said.

Associate justice John Manglona presided over the hearing in the Supreme Court's order for Buckingham to appear in court and explain why he should not be sanctioned.

The hearing was very brief as Buckingham had already filed a written response to the high court's order to show cause. Chief Prosecutor Michael Ernest also attended the hearing as the high court had requested.

Manglona said he will issue a written order.

In the June 24, 2011, show-cause order, Manglona said that Bucking-

On Friday, July 22, 2011, at about

12pm, the victim left the residence for

a few hours. When he returned, he dis-

covered his glass sliding door had been

forced open. The victim checked the

residence and discovered that two flat

screen televisions had been stolen from

The stolen items are a black Toshi-

ba 37-inch flat screen, and Sony Bra-

via 32-inch flat screen TV. The stolen

the home.

ham was served with both the briefing schedule and appellant Simon A. Sebuu's brief, and thus knew or should have known of the filing deadline.

According to court records, Sebuu appealed his convictions for theft and criminal mischief. On July 23, 2010, the high court issued the briefing schedule. Buckingham received service of all documents in this case, starting with the court's briefing schedule.

Sebuu filed his opening brief on April 11, 2011. The OAG's brief was due on or before May 11, 2011.

On June 3, 2011, the Supreme Court clerk of court notified the OAG that

items are estimated to be at over \$1,200

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JUNE

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Targeting the upcoming summer peak season, however, Asiana has already restored the number of Incheon to Saipan daytime flights from two to four weekly starting July 19. Asiana is also adding an extra charter flight via Airbus 321 with 144 seats on Aug. 3.

The secondary market of China saw 5,129 arrivals in June, a 123-percent increase compared to the same month last year. This was largely due to two additional weekly charter flights by Sichuan Airlines from both Shanghai and Guangzhou.

Arrivals from the lucrative market of Russia posted a seventh consecutive month of gain, rising 15 percent to 558, while arrivals from the Philippines also rose 15 percent to 45. Arrivals from all other markets were down in June 2011: Guam (-23 percent to 1,363), Taiwan (-25 percent to 9), and Other Areas (-42 percent to 208). Arrivals from the United States were down 44 percent to 583, as the Northern Marianas was visited by a military ship in June 2010.

Japan and Korea economic highlights

The Japanese Cabinet Office upgraded its monthly economic report for the first time since the devastating earthquake in March, noting upward movements are observed in the Japanese economy while difficulties continue to prevail due to the aftermath of the earthquake.

The latest package tour booking survey by travel industry publication Travel Journal shows positive signs for this summer. Out of the eight major wholesalers included in the survey, two companies are seeing more bookings than last year for June and July, and three companies are welcoming more bookings in August. Travel Journal believes this finally signals a recovery in family and corporate travel. Some wholesalers remarked they expect additional increases in the coming weeks as workers' are paid their summer bonuses and more last minute demand comes in.

Venture Republic, the company behind destination comparison website Travel.jp, did its own survey on summer travel, and found that 48 percent of Japanese plan to travel domestically, compared to 16 percent who plan to go overseas. As for purpose of travel, 26 percent of overseas travelers said they wanted to visit beach resorts, closely followed by historic buildings/monuments at 26 percent and gourmet/food at percent.

In Korea, the Ministry of Strategy and Finance said the Korean economy will grow by 4.5 percent this year, down from the 5 percent projected in December last year. According to the Korea Tourism Organization, the number of Korean outbound travelers in May was 1,014,409, a decrease of 0.9 percent compared to the same month in 2010. The total number of Korean outbound travelers from January to May was 5,110,225, an increase of 3.5 percent compared to the same period of

SUWASO

Corp. have already drafted a lease extension agreement, but this may still change within a 15-day comment period ending on Aug. 10.

Both Manglona and Cabrera have al-

Babauta, in a phone interview last

Under the draft agreement, Suwaso would pay an annual minimum rent of \$110,000 or 3 percent of gross receipts on the sixth five-year period. The rate changes every five years.

Babauta said another key provision building of 200 new guestrooms.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial asked members of the House leadership on Tuesday to hold off action on the lease extension until he meets with Suwaso's new investors, lawmakers said.

Last year, Fitial said Suwaso's lease extension won't be renewed because of the owners' failure to comply with the terms of the lease agreement.

But the new owners of Suwaso told lawmakers on Wednesday that they would be better than the previous owners.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment yesterday, said the governor only wanted to give Suwaso "due process" by allowing DPL to, among other things, hold a hearing on Suwaso's proposal.

"Because that hearing has not taken place yet, the governor sees that it's inappropriate that a decision be made without affording Suwaso due process to go through that hearing..." Dema-

Suwaso's new owners met with lawmakers on Wednesday for a presentation about their acquisition of the corporation and their \$22-million plan to revitalize Coral Ocean Point.

Some lawmakers made their support to the proposal known after the presen-

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), who

the lease extension, said timely action on the proposal will help bring back investor confidence in the CNMI and result in the new owners' payment of tax arrears of almost \$1 million owed by Suwaso's previous owners. He said if lawmakers are true to their word of being pro-business, they won't intentionally slow down the process for legitimate investors.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) said the Legislature won't be able to act on the lease extension without receiving a package from DPL on the

The new consortium of investment partners acquired Suwaso Corp. on July 11 from the previous owners composed of Hyakumata Co. Ltd. in Japan and other minority shareholders.

estate, retail, and movie productions.

it had not filed a brief yet. On June 6, 2011, or 26 days after the filing deadline expired, the OAG submitted a motion to file an out-of-time brief. The motion was denied.

Buckingham said he accepts respon-

sibility for the non-performance of the OAG in this matter and for his own omission. "I recognize the importance of the procedural deficiencies arising from this matter and commit to future improvement both for myself and the OAG."

Woman injured in hammer attack

A woman was injured when the man who was fixing her sewing machine at her dress shop in Chalan Kanoa suddenly attacked her with a hammer on Monday night.

Zhao Fei Cui was brought to the Commonwealth Health Center where two spots on her head had to be stapled.

The suspect, Feng Xiang Yang, surrendered to the Department of Public Safety the following day, Tuesday.

Detective Jonathan SN Decena said the victim positively identified Yang as the person who attacked her.

Yang, 45, was arrested for aggravated assault and battery, assault with a dangerous weapon, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$25,000 cash.

Detective Decena stated in his report that police officers had responded to the Sofia Dress Shop on Monday night after receiving a report about an assault.

Police investigation showed that victim Cui was watching a movie on her computer inside the shop when Yang walked in and introduced himself as the person Cui had asked two weeks ago to come and fix her broken sewing machine.

Cui asked Yang to bring the machine to his house, but the suspect insisted on fixing it there.

As soon as Yang finished fixing the machine, he allegedly hit Cui with a hammer on the head. The victim screamed and, seeing a passerby, she yelled at him to call the police.

Cui grabbed the hammer and held on to it as Yang pulled her all the way to the entrance of the shop, where he eventually ran off. (Ferdie de la Torre)

MACAU

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ing Saipan casino bill.

He said a \$575 million exclusive casino license, for example, will limit the ability of the casino industry to

"We would like to have a casino industry on Saipan...in order for us to infuse much needed economic activity for government employees to return to normal working hours and restore the income brackets back to our people," he added.

Demapan said the Macau investors and consulting group was responsible for bringing successful casino investors to Macau, a world-class casino gambling mecca, and other parts of the world.

He said the governor saw the group's presentation in Guam on Saturday, and he asked the group whether they could make a similar presentation for law-

"And the governor believes that this particular group of consultants has a very good presentation that he saw [in Guam on Saturday] and he would like the members of the Legislature to see this presentation, to see how they can refine the existing local bill to ensure that the end-result of that bill, should it become law, is the establishment of a profitable casino industry," Demapan added.

He said the casino experts will be paying for their own airfare to come to Saipan for the presentation. He said he's not aware of any consultant agreement or contract with the group.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), author of a pending bill seeking to legalize casino gambling on Saipan, said he looks forward to the casino experts' presentation.

The administration said the Senate has also been informed about the presentation. The Senate has been opposed to the local casino legalization bill, saying the matter should be placed before voters instead.

GARRISON

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was received by Sablan's office on Aug. 2. To date, Garrison said he has vet to get a response from both Sablan and Kenty.

Sablan was unavailable for comment when contacted several times yesterday. Board of Education member Herman T. Guerrero refused to comment on the issue, while both board chair Marylou Ada and board member Lucy Blanco-Maratita did not respond to Saipan Tribune's inquiry yesterday.

In his letter to the COE, Garrison indicated that he was formally cancelling his resignation, "effective immediately." He cited the requests and pleadings he has received from community members, parents, and students as reasons for reconsidering his early decision.

"I have been reminded by countless supporters within PSS leadership family, the board, the students and parents of my valuable contributions and the loss that they feel the system would suffer in my absence. Due to this consideration I have elected to continue to work toward improving the lives of our students and their families," said Garrison in his letter.

Two weeks ago, a group of students initiated a signature petition to convince the PSS leadership and the Board of Education to bring Garrison back. As of Tuesday, over 200 signatures have already been gathered for submission to Commissioner Sablan.

Cherlyn Cabrera has been the acting MHS principal since the announcement of Garrison's resignation in July.

Garrison said he is willing to assume any post at PSS, wherever his expertise is needed. Garrison is a highly qualified administrator. He is a former vice principal and principal of Saipan Southern High School.

"I do understand that previous to this decision, a new leadership has been appointed at MHS and I have no desire to usurp that decision, so please make every effort to find a suitable placement and or position relevant to my qualifications as both an HQT and/or HQA," added Garrison in his letter.

Starting this new school year, PSS will no longer employ non-highly qualified personnel pursuant to the mandates of the No Child Left Behind Act. In the case of school administrators—principals and vice principals—those who do not meet the requirements will need to step down and go back to where they are highly qualified, whether as counselor or classroom teacher.

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ready set a joint session at 2pm today to consider Suwaso's proposed land lease

night, said that Suwaso agreed to DPL's terms and conditions of the 15-year extension, and that he does not have the authority to ask the Legislature to postpone today's joint session.

of the draft agreement is for Suwaso to submit to DPL within 240 days of the commencement of the extension agreement evidence of its sources of financing for infrastructure upgrades, including the

will be among those voting "yes" on

proposed extension.

The new investors include Japanbased investor Yusuke Fumoto, CNMI attorney Vincent Torres, and Chinabased investor Jia Tie Liang who is the major financier of all infrastructure upgrades and improvements to Coral Ocean Point. Jia is the president and chief executive officer of Sheng Jia Heng Xin Investment Co., which is engaged in jade mining operations, real >>> Fitial no decision

yet on Superior

Court vacancy

Senate OKs initiative to cut number of associate judges

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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By a vote of 8-0, the Senate passed on Wednesday an initiative reducing the number of as-

Manglona holds first hearing as federal court's chief judge

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Chief Judge Ramona Villagomez Manglona conducted yesterday her first hearing at the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Manglona's first proceeding was the arraignment of Dongjun Li, a Chinese national who was indicted for allegedly trying to check-in for an outbound flight to Los Angeles, California, via Narita, Japan, using fake documents.

Li pleaded not guilty to the indictment that charged him with immigration fraud and false statement or entry.

Manglona set the jury trial for Oct. 3, 2011, at 9am and ordered that pretrial motions be filed no later than Sept. 1,

The judge allowed defense attorney Mark Scoggins to file a motion to dismiss by Aug. 18, 2011. She gave the U.S. government until Aug. 25, 2011, to file the response to the motion.

Manglona said the hearing on the motion to dismiss will be held on Sept. 1, 2011, at 10:30am.

Li was remanded back to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

After the hearing, assistant U.S. attorney Beverly McCallum told Manglona, "Welcome to the district court." The judge smiled but did not reply.

Scoggins also stood up and welcomed the new chief judge to the district court.

sociate judges from at least four to three, even as Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has yet to make a decision whether to fill a new vacancy in the Superior Court.

Senate Legislative Initiative 17-11 now goes to the House.

If and when the initiative clears the House, the initiative will be presented to the voters at the next general elections.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), the initiative's author, said yesterday he's hoping that the initiative will also clear the House, considering that there are fewer cases filed in court in the past several years and the CNMI government is in bad financial shape.

The NMI Constitution requires one presiding judge and at least four associate judges.

Manglona said the demand

for at least four judges can no longer be justified. He said there

were 12,235 cases filed in the Superior Court in 2000, but this dropped to only 5,630 in 2007 as a result of the declining population.

His initiative seeks to amend Article IV, Section 2 of the NMI Constitution.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said the governor has yet to make a decision on whether to fill the new vacancy in the Su-

"That matter is under advisement right now. He has not made known yet whether he will fill the position or he has not made known who the candi-

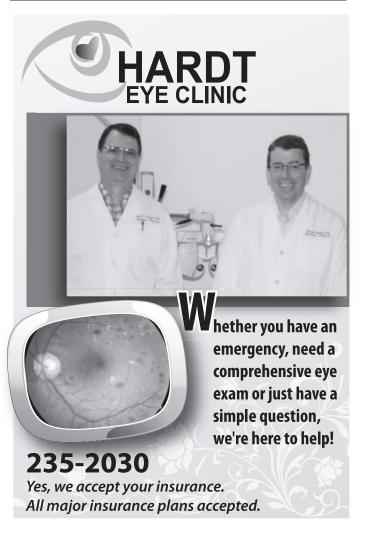
date of choice will be to fill the position," Demapan said.

The vacancy in the Superior Court was a result of former associate judge Ramona Villagomez Manglona's recent U.S. Senate confirmation to serve as chief judge for the U.S. District Court for the NMI.











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Building ready for PSS central office's relocation

By MONETH G. DEPOSA REPORTER

A 15-classroom building at Marianas High School is now being repaired for the upcoming transfer of the Public School System central offices from the Retirement Fund building on Capital Hill.

MHS acting principal Cherlyn Cabrera told Saipan Tribune that the school gave its Building F for the use of PSS starting Aug. 15, the target relocation date of the central office to the campus.

In a visit yesterday, construction and maintenance workers were seen repainting the classrooms, installing air-conditioning units, and repairing other areas in the facility.

PSS financial consultant Ed Tenorio, who was at the site

vesterday, told Saipan Tribune that the system will save a significant amount by relocating to a system-owned property.

The PSS' lease with the Fund expired on April 30; it was issued a short-term lease extension up to end of August. PSS' monthly rental at the Fund building amounts to close to \$20,000 and is billed \$10,000 in monthly utility consumption.

PSS had wanted a lower lease term with the Fund, to which the Fund agreed to but under certain conditions, including a threemonth deposit and a separate meter for power or a separate deposit for its utility payments. The terms were not acceptable to the school system and its board.

Although MHS gave up some of its classrooms for PSS,

Cabrera assured that the school will not be short of classrooms this new school year. She said the campus has about 50 classrooms and can accommodate up to 1,500 enrollees.

MHS ended last school vear with 1,295 enrollees. As of this week, Cabrera said the school has already registered 1,460 students.

To create more classroom space, Cabrera said that the performing arts classes in Building D will be transferred to Building T, which has a spacious area that can accommodate up to 200 people. Building T is the school's warehouse facility. The MHS JROTC building will also be used as classrooms when classes open in September.

Cabrera said that MHS has about 40 classroom teachers this new school year. She said 10 more teachers are needed before classes open. MHS is the largest public high school in the Commonwealth.

Hofschneider named mayor's office OIC

Mayor Donald Flores has designated his special adviser, Henry Hofschneider, as officer-incharge of the Saipan Mayor's Office while he is off-island.

Flores, in a memo dated July 28, said he will be off-island from July 31 to Aug. 7 "on official government business."

In an interview, Hofschneider

said Flores went to Honolulu, Hawaii, to attend a meeting at the invitation of the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council.

The Council's website shows a scheduled meeting, "Climate Change and Marine Spatial Planning Workshop," in Honolulu from July 31 to Aug. 4.

"Just so it is known, his trip was paid for by federal funds. Absolutely no local or general funds [will be] used," Hofschneider told Saipan Tribune.

Hofschneider, who is the administrator for the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance, also noted that he is "just overseeing the operation but not making any decisions" at the Mayor's Office while Flores is off-island. (Clarissa V. David)

Woman allegedly stabs man who figured in fight with her husband

A woman allegedly stabbed with a kitchen knife a man who figured in a fight with her husband at their home in Afetnas Wednesday afternoon.

Livian Kerry Borja was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery.

Police said the victim, John Ngeskebei, sustained three stab wounds and was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center.

Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos found probable cause vesterday to continue Borja's detention. Bail was set at \$6,250 cash. The preliminary hearing will be on Aug. 12 at 9am.

According to preliminary police investigation, Ngeskebei had gone to the Borja's house and confronted the husband. Mr. Borja and his niece ended up fighting with Ngeskebei. Mrs. Borja then entered the house, took a kitchen knife, and allegedly repeatedly stabbed Ngeskebei.

Ngeskebei ran away, but Mrs. Borja chased him with a vehicle. When the victim tripped, Mrs. Borja allegedly tried but failed to hit him with a 2x4 lumber.

Police arrived and Mrs. Borja was later arrested. The victim was then taken to CHC. (Ferdie de la Torre)



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Kilili: 'Edujobs' law kept 798 working at PSS

\$8.3 million from the edujobs law passed by the Democratic Congress in 2010 has kept 798 teachers and support staff working at the Public School System, according to the latest quarterly reports. About \$2 million of the federal money remains to be

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spent as of June 30, 2011.

icaid Assistance Act was approved in a special session of Congress last August and immediately signed into law

began its legislative life as the Local Jobs for America Act, of which CNMI Delegate Grego-

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Some rio Kilili Camacho Sablan was icaid Assistance Act, P.L. 111one of 21 original co-

> "In Congress, we approved this emergency help for our schools at the same time that CNMI education funding was being cut by \$7 million," Sablan said. Sablan "So the federal dollars

sponsors.

came at just the right moment.

"A year later it's good to see that the money did what is was supposed to

by the President. The measure do-kept teachers and other PSS personnel working, and kept students learning."

The Education Jobs and Med-

226, was one of the important jobs protection measures passed by Democrats in the last Congress. The money could only be used for the salaries of teachers, nurses, librarians, cafhurt them for life.' eteria workers, counsel-

tenance people, and principals in kindergarten through 12th grade. 2% was allowed for administration of the grant.

ors, bus drivers, main-

PSS was quick to put the funds to use. The law was signed on Aug. 10. PSS submitted its grant application on Sept. 2. And the grant was awarded on Sept. 9.

PSS Commissioner Rita Sablan and all of her administrative support staff operate," said Sablan. "They move quickly, because they know that every day is important to the intellectual growth of a child. If we shortchange our children now, we

In addition to the \$8.3 million for PSS, the edujobs bill provided \$768,000 to keep the CNMI Medicaid program at its Recovery Act funding level until the increase from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, "Obamacare," kicked in. CNMI Medicaid received the first of the Obamacare money, \$3.12 million, on July 13. *(PR)*



The Department of Labor and Immigration has issued another memorandum to clarify an earlier order banning entry of workers and visitors from mainland China, exempting factories belonging to the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association. Addressed to all airlines, immigration and labor offices and ports of entry of the CNMI, the memorandum is the third in a week from

the department, following claims by some sectors that nationals from the People's Republic of China are eligible to seek asylum here. "The PRC ban... remains in effect," said the brief memorandum issued by the acting DOLI secretary the other day.

Feds grant \$200K for anti-smoking campaign

The Northern Marianas will receive some \$206,608 in federal grant for its tobacco program which will allow the island to carry out its educational campaign against the hazards of smoking, according to Public Health Secretary Kevin Villagomez. Villagomez was informed by the Atlanta-based Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the grant. Earlier, Karen Siener, MPH program consultant for the United States Office on Smoking and Health, told Villagomez that the federal agency was impressed with the goals set up for CNMI's Tobacco Comprehensive State Plan for 1999-2000 program year, including implementation of long-term health care services for citizens in the Northern Marianas. "We are very happy that the CNMI is among the few areas given funding. We are grateful to CDC for the assistance," said Villagomez.

Aug. 5, 2002

Process of replacing employees clarified

Amendments to provisions on the moratorium law on the hiring of nonresident workers benefited an employer-and possibly his prospective employee—whose late filing of application with the Division of Labor was condoned due to the ambiguity that the changes created. In an administrative order, Labor hearing officer Jerry Cody said that interpretation of the 90-day-deadline may have confused the Agbanlog Enterprises, Inc., a manufacturer of construction materials using corals. The ambiguity, before it was resolved by the Labor hearing office, arose from how to interpret the 90-day deadline of a replacement application, when the nonresident worker to be replaced did not actually complete his original contract's expiration.

CDA studies more QC applications

The Commonwealth Development Authority is seriously studying the tax relief applications submitted by two other businesses after authorizing the relief sought by three multi-million businesses in the CNMI. The CDA Board started collating comments from the public for the Qualifying Certificate Program application submitted by the SEPC-Rota Spring Water Inc. and the Hyatt Regency-Saipan. CDA Executive Director Mary Lou S. Ada said the Board would look into the tax break applications submitted by the two firms in efforts to help them weather the economic crunch besetting the region.

Aug. 5, 2003

Proposed NMI Nat'l Guard gets support

The CNMI's thrust for a National Guard of its own got a boost with a promise from the commander of the entire U.S. Pacific Command that he will put in a good word for the Commonwealth on the matter. Gov. Juan N. Babauta, who just returned over the weekend from Hawaii, said he met briefly with Admiral Thomas Fargo and took up the issue with him. "Gen. Fargo and I spoke very briefly on the National Guard and I expressed to him that we are working with [Hawaii] Sen. [Daniel] Akaka on that and his support is obviously very important. He gave me a positive answer on his support." said Babauta in an interview with reporters.

DPH extends manpower contracts anew

The Department of Public Health has extended for another month its existing contracts with three manpower agencies that provide nursing staff to the Commonwealth Health Center. The last extension of contracts of the agencies-Paras Enterprises, SEAS Inc., and Marianas Health Services-had expired on July 31. "There's a new change order. We're given another one month extension," said Vince Seman of Paras Enterprises. The health department had first extended for one year the agencies' contract in September 2001. On the same month the following year, the department gave them a 90-day extension pending protests from new proposers.







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Science and salmon

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eople tend to respect and believe in science—until it tells them something they didn't want to hear. Thus President George W. Bush clung to his billion-dollar-a-year Reading First program even after a study by his administration showed that it wasn't improving students' reading. Senators from states where the gray wolf was reintroduced successfully pushed for legislation delisting it as an endangered species; it didn't matter what the Interior Department had determined.

Now eight senators from salmon-fishing states are warning the Food and Drug Administration that they will pursue legislation—already passed in the House—to keep the FDA from using any of its funding to study whether genetically modified salmon are safe for the environment and consumers. There's plenty to question when it comes to genetically engineered salmon, but squelching scientific inquiry isn't the answer.

The salmon have been tinkered with by AquaBounty Technologies Inc. to grow twice as fast, making them cheaper to raise and bring to market. The FDA appears to have been on a fast track to approve the salmon for human consumption despite some sketchily designed studies on consumer safety. But the bigger worries about the salmon concern the environment—and the valid issue raised by the wild-salmon fisheries about whether the genetically modified fish could escape and pollute the gene pool.

AquaBounty has outlined various safety precautions it would take to prevent that. The fish would be raised in tanks on land—mostly in the Panama highlands—rather than in the ocean pens used by the salmon-farming industry. The company would render the fish sterile and reverse the gender of the males so that all the fish in the tanks would be female. Should any fish manage to escape into the river adjacent to the fish farm, they would have a hard time surviving warmer waters downstream.

None of these are perfect safeguards, though. For example, up to 5% of the fish would not be successfully made sterile. Some might be able to survive in the river. Another concern is how the United States could police activities in Panama to make sure procedures were being followed, or how it could prevent less exacting facilities from being constructed in the future.

Although the FDA lacks the expertise to examine all these issues on its own, it is in the midst of its environmental review right now. What the senators should be demanding is not an end to that study, but more research in the form of a joint study by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service. Without their analysis, we have no way of knowing whether this new fish poses a risk. The answer lies in more science, not less.



Sprat me Xisha, Nansha, and Hoang Sa

o Zhongguo/China, the different groups of islands in the South China Sea are known as *Xisha*, the Western Beach named Ilhas de Pracel by the Portuguese before the French made it Le Paracel), *Nansha*, the Southern Beach, named Spratly by the Brits, *Dongsha*, the Eastern Beach, and *Pratas* for the Central Beach. During the Ming dynasty, the whole group was called *Wanglishitang*, or "Ten Thousand Miles of Stone Pond" in the book *Voyage with the Tail Wind*. Zheng He, the legendary navigator and explorer, who might have reached the American continent 80 years before Columbus, allegedly referred to the islands as *Wanglishitang*, as well.

The islands are more popularly known today as Paracel and Spratly islands, a source of access discord between Taiwan and the PRC, Vietnam, Brunei, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Vietnam calls the area *Hoang Sa*, the Yellow beach.

The Taiwan-China disagreement is in-house since each considers the other as part of one whole; the Vietnam-China discord is between cousins. China's Yue Nan before the French called it Vietnam has a contiguous geo-ethnic relation to land and peoples of Yunnan and Hainan. The long historical conflict between these territories makes the claims and counterclaims understandable.

Not so with Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, and the Philippines. Pacific World War II was triggered over maritime control of the Malacca Straits when the U.S. squeezed out the Japanese access to oil and gas developed by the Dutch, English, and the French in the Malayan peninsula and Indochina. Today, maritime tonnage in the South China Sea exceeds the combined crossings of the Suez and Panama canals. Japan and the U.S. are now in the same ship; the force to reckon with flies a red flag with five stars.

A senator in the Philippine legislature of 1933 protested France's annexation of Spratly. Japanese forces occupied the island during WWII and shortly after the cessation of hostilities, some Filipinos wanted the islands included in the sovereign territory of the newly independent Philippines. It was not so. But rumors of minerals and oil proliferated, and shortly before martial law was declared, the Philippines "discovered" and settled some uninhabited islands of the Spratlys.

In 1974, oil gushed out of drillings off Palawan. It did not take long before Pea Eye started calling the eastern part of the Spratlys, *Kalayaan* (freedom) group, and began naval maneuvers and military occupancy. By 1976, the oil industry estimated the whole basin to contain the fourth largest deposit of natural gas and oil in the world, even larger than Kuwait's. Both Vietnam and China started contracting American companies to assist in drilling for oil, and allegations of encroaching on each other's territory led to military conflict including the well publicized massacre of Vietnamese sailors. In 1978, Ferdinand Marcos declared the Spratlys a part of the Philippines.

If one thinks, as many Americans do, that the Vietnam conflict

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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stems from America's mistaken altruism in defending freedom of nascent democratic folks, think again. The same rhetoric of defense of freedom and democracy justifies our military presence in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. The politics of oil is hardly mentioned.

Filipinos last month picketed China's embassy and consulates for the increasing incidences of the Chinese Navy's "harassing" U.S. and Philippine "peaceful" presence in the Spratly Islands, now referred to by the Philippines' Foreign Affairs Department and Pinoy media as West Philippine Sea. Our very own Celia Lamkin, MD, erstwhile appropriate technology center director for the differently-abled, is promoting a prayer vigil on Aug. 21 over the Spratly. At least, the signs are more honest: Protect our oil!

The 1983 UN Convention of the Law of the Sea, which the U.S. Congress has yet to ratify, began to clarify the procedure of establishing the 200-mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ) by declaring claims, but the UN has no implementation teeth. Traditionally recognized as a Chinese/Vietnam matter to settle, the EEZs of nations gave a new definition on access and responsibility over mineral rights, fish stock, and the control of pollution in the sea. Suddenly, what was perceived as mere sandbars and rock outcroppings in the South China Sea has become every ones' promised wealth of liquid, gas, and solid minerals when extracted from the ocean floor. Jingoistic patriotism was not too far behind.

Taiwan and Xizang (Tibet) are in-house sovereignty disputes, along with border definitions with India, but the case of South China Sea has the vested interest of Western powers, particularly with the oil companies associated with the colonials that used to rule the territories in the surrounding region. Clearly, China has the upper hand on this one, and the oil companies are the muckrakers who unfortunately have the Pentagon by the balls, and former colonials singing their tune!

Our dual sovereign partition in the CNMI as a nation and a state itself muddies the definition of the 200-mile EEZ but, however we fight that fight even at our own Congress, let us be clear that the icon we serve is oil.

Asked who I work for when in the CNMI, I answer in serious jest: CUC, Shell/Mobil, and IT&E, in that order. So, as to the Spratlys, go ahead, "Sprat me!"

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The public fish is very quiet

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riend: "Dude, how can you spend your morning practicing Chinese writing when the entire Western economic structure is in meltdown?"

Me: "That question answers itself."

Indeed, it does. You place your bets. I've placed mine. And, once again, I can offer you a bit of comic relief as I give you another update on my bungling, slapstick foray into the Chinese language. I've finished my second year of this mission. So I'll give you a status report. But first, let me tell you about last week's big presentation in class.

I was play-acting a landlord describing an apartment to a prospective tenant. Since it's a big part of our grade, I put a lot of effort into preparing for the exercise.

I thought I aced that gig. I thought wrong.

Indeed, I screwed up the word "apartment" by pronouncing the

second syllable in the second tone instead of the fourth tone. A minor transgression? Seemingly so. But, judge for yourself: By using the second tone instead of the fourth, I wasn't really saying "apartment."

No, I was inadvertently saying "public fish."

And I said it over and over again, since the worse you are in a language, the more often you have to repeat the key nouns since you lack the skill to make more oblique references. (Nice of me to indict you as well by using the second-person reference there, eh?)

So, my big presentation went like so: The public fish has two bedrooms. The public fish is located east of the park. The public fish has a security deposit of just \$500. The public fish is very quiet.

Well, that's all well and good for the public fish. In fact, in the entire 4,000-year record of the Chinese language, I think I have delivered history's best sales pitch for a public fish, especially of the quiet, two-bedroom variety. However, seemingly oblivious to historical milestones, my professor was not amused.

Oops. Did I mention it took me two years to get to this point?

Over this time I've met enough people in my situation to regard my status as typical. We're not young, fresh-brained, full-time students. I think this is a common situation with mid-career professionals confronting Chinese. So, while I know that the world has many language prodigies in it, who like to regale the world with heroic tales of their exceptional linguistic and cross-cultural prowess, I don't hang out with anyone who makes those claims.

So, reality check: None of us (colleagues and yours truly) can "speak Chinese." Not even a little bit. We can, with great effort, try to order some common items at a restaurant if, and only if, the staff is willing to take pains to suffer us, and if, and only if, the transaction is very simple.

And I can, more or less, say a few polite things at business intro-

ductions. But this is a real risk: What if somebody says something back? That's a linguistic boomerang with nails in it. Most responses that come my way either fly over my head entirely, or, worse yet, I think I understand something (but, of course, I don't) and I respond in a totally irrelevant manner.

Or, consider this scenario:

"Mr. Stephens, welcome to Beijing. I trust your accommodations are satisfactory?"

"Yes, Mr. Wang. Thank you very much for providing me with such a big public fish."

Well, so much for an anecdotal progress report. Let's take a more quantitative inventory of things. I listed every word I've learned and every grammar rule I was supposed to learn. As for the grammar, oh, never mind the grammar, it's a swirling nebula of self-opposing forces that we'll explore some other time.

On the vocabulary side of things, by which I mean speaking and writing, I can give a raw tally for myself: 1,104 words. This is (naturally) below the benchmarks I often hear for two years of study, but there's nothing I can do about that; my spreadsheets don't lie. Well, unless they have a circular reference, that is.

Egads, come to think of it, there is a circular reference here. And a pretty big one at that. Chinese characters and words are mixed and matched to build other words, in sort of a modular approach to things. So a pure tally of the basic words can rocket to the upside if you want to count things that way. But I'm too lazy to put any extra wood on the pile like that.

Or maybe I'm just too nervous. After all, numbers, in Chinese, can have great significance. I can't escape the progression here: (a) The indebted West is doing Fall of Rome 2.0, as (b) I'm entering my third year of Chinese, and (c) I'm still practicing the fourth tone, and you know why that is!

A positive note: Summer's special education

By JIM RAYPHAND
Special to the Saipan Tribune



Editor's Note: The author quotes a speech written by Paul Joyce, the special education teacher for the SVES Outdoor Science Program.

ometimes pessimism gets the best of us and our focus tends to lean toward the negative as it relates to the rights and needs of individuals with disabilities, so it's with great pleasure and appreciation when on occasion I am reminded directly about the good things happening and some of the wonderful people teaching our kids in the Special Education Program. The following is a copy of a speech that was written and delivered by Mr. Paul Joyce, a long-time teacher for the Special Education program in celebration of a successful ending to San Vicente Elementary School's Outdoor Science Camp:

"It has been an eventful summer at SVES Outdoor Science Camp. As a SPED teacher I have extensive teaching experience in the Extended School Year Program for students with disabilities. Merging our summer program with that of PSS presented some unique obstacles. The program was designed for SY 2011-2012 5th and 6th grade students. Our older kids were included in the science classes with their peers while the K-3rd grade students were grouped together in one classroom. At the outset we were given all the science benchmarks from grades K-3 and asked to come up with a summer program to begin the following day. That task would have taken an experienced curriculum team the better part of the summer to complete. We decided to teach exactly the standards and benchmarks that the other three classes were following. Granted we made some modifications to the material but for the most part we did just what the 5th and 6th graders did on a daily basis. We attended all the presentations and participated in all the field trips and accompanying activities.

"From hiking the Lao Lao Trail to viewing the goings on at Hawaiian Rock, from measuring erosion and deposition on Managaha to learning about the CUC catchment system, our kids were treated to a variety of hands-on experiences. How great was it to see the looks on our student's faces when they were sailing and kayaking at Bantalan or learning about hydroponics on campus at SVES. SVES is a great place for the Outdoor Science Camp as they have facili-

ties for the kids to feed the fish and also to learn about plants and farming. They learned dissection and even had the opportunity to enjoy eating fish prepared by the interns who worked the summer program. There is no more knowledgeable and enthusiastic person than Val Welch to guide the students in the pursuit of scientific knowledge and discovery. I want to thank Val, Elaine, Peter, Janelle, all the TA's (Temary, Anita, Edwina, Ote, and Angie from SVES and Amoreleen, Sophia, McQueen and Jack from Dandan), Tasha and the other interns and WIA kids and the staff at SVES for making the Outdoor Science Camp an exciting and enriching experience for our kids. A poignant moment for me was certainly watching one of our kids kayaking at Bantalan. How great it was for the man who was helping our kids just putting an autistic student in the kayak and pushing him off just like anyone else. Our kids are just kids after all. Our students may have disabilities but this program showed that we can focus on their many abilities to provide them a wonderful learning opportunity just like their general education peers.

"In conclusion, I'm reminded of the MasterCard commercial on TV. Summer school transportation... free, summer meals... free, the enriching experience of the Outdoor Science Program for our kids with disabilities...priceless!"

For more on the rights of students with disabilities and/or the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), please feel free to contact the NMPASI Office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / 235-7275 [fax] / 235-7278 [tty] or via the Internet at www.nmpasi.org.

Letters to the Editor

Where is MVA, Commerce and CDA on casino issue?

Tourism in the CNMI is not just the number of visitors coming to visit the islands. When a person decides to visit a place, what influences that person will depend on specific factors that "pulls" or "pushes" to wanting going to a destination. In a nutshell, a local indigenous person would be pulled to visit the CNMI because of family obligation. So we can expect these types of visitors to frequently make the trip to the CNMI for as long as there is a family obligation or some personal attraction requiring the visit. On the other hand, a person may be pushed to visit the CNMI because of attractions and niceties the islands have to offer. One of this is gaming and entertainment opportunities. And, we could go on and on pointing out all these "pulls" and "pushes" that influence a traveler or visitor to trek to a destination. I am pretty sure that your readers would fully understand the basis for our tourism industry using this simple analogy.

Mr. Vince G. Cabrera, in a recent letter to the editor, you noted

that at one point in time the CNMI was visited by tourists numbering up to 700,000 per year. Mr. Cabrera also noted that today the number is much less than the heyday of tourism in the CNMI, and we can expect that we will continue to attract less and less tourists. The gaming industry in the CNMI is one that we are not sure would be the panacea to the economic downfall of the CNMI. We will continue to guess what the gaming industry is all about. Aside from the legislators who are promoting the proliferation of the gaming industry in the CNMI, where and what is the Mariana Visitors Authority's stake in this matters? Is this something that the MVA should also be involved with and taking the lead as this is an option for economic development of the islands? Or, if there is no certainty about the gaming industry, can MVA make any clarification one way or the other?

If the gaming industry is inclusive in a tourism industry, then it should be an option for economic development in the CNMI. So what is the Department of Commerce saying about the birth and proliferation of the gaming industry in the CNMI? The Commonwealth Development Authority is a driver of economic development because it is a source of capital for new and developing industries in the CNMI. Have you heard anything from these offices so that we can make contrast and analysis as we bear down on the debate for more or reduced gaming industry presence in the CNMI?

It seems that if we could find the best mix to making the gam-

ing industry a viable growth industry in the CNMI, then we could sustain it as that would be viewed as good for the economy and an industry working side by side for building a viable tourism industry of the CNMI. Without the input of the officials in government that

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Clarification

This is a comment on your article in the Aug. 3, 2011, *Saipan Tribune*: "Audit finds multiple violations at CUC."

You must have had a slow news day because the reporter is referring to the annual audit report by public auditors that was completed in March 2011. *Saipan Tribune* already reported on this favorably in May for good reason. The 2010 audit was the first CUC audit that was unqualified ("clean") and on time.

Normally the savvy reviewer is supposed to report on the reconciliation of the findings that includes the response by the audited entity. That would be considered fair reporting.

To that end, please refer to page 59: Summary of Auditor's Results: e.g., Material weaknesses identified—Unqualified.

I realize 92 pages is a lot for your reporter to digest and that is why we reported on the summary in May.

Abe Utu Malae

Executive Director, CUC

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Muifa (11W) is centered southeast of Okinawa at 25N129E moving west at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 200 miles of the center. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring east of the center or north of a line from 22N135E to 22N143E. For more information on Typhoon Muifa, see advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM or bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. Tropical Storm Merbok (12W) is centered northwest of Wake Island at 25N158E moving west at 8 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen around the center near Minami Torishima and northwest of Wake Island between 20N and 25N from 153E to 164E. A surface trough reaches eastward from Merbok to 21N170E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are present north of Wake Island between 22N and 25N from 166E to 174E. For more information on Tropical Storm Merbok, see advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM or bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW. A monsoon trough meanders southeastward from Typhoon Muifa to weak circulations centered southwest of Guam at 9N143E and east of Guam at 141N149E to finally end at 5N158E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the trough and circulations are occurring over Chuuk and Pohnpei but south of Koror and Yap or south of a line from 6N130E to 8N142E to 17N156E to 15N160E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms just south of Kwaialein and Maiuro within 160 miles of a line from 9N161E to 5N176E.

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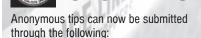
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| Rota-Saipan | | | | FRE 117 | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily |
| FRE 100 | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily | FRE 119 | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily |
| Guam-Rota | | | | FRE 121 | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily |
| FRE 300 | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily | FRE 123 | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily |
| Rota-Saipan | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily | FRE 125 | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily |
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| Rota-Guam | 10:20 | 10:45 | Daily | FRE 104 | 7:50 | 8:00 | Daily |
| Saipan-Rota | | | | FRE 106 | 8:20 | 8:30 | Daily |
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| Rota-Guam | | | , | FRE 110 | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily |
| FRE 400 | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily | FRE 112 | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily |
| | | | , | FRE 114 | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily |
| Saipan-Tinian | | | | FRE 116 | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily |
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Learn from each other!

Some of the recent letters to the editor indicate a separation of our people into different camps of beliefs regarding the human rights of people in the CNMI. We do not all have to be the same, but let's learn from each other so we improve our lives.

Throughout my life, "I personally have never met a person that I could not learn something!" I also find that "there are people who cannot learn from anyone." I see this in the letters on many topics, from land and citizenship, to island "guests," education, race, etc. The list goes on and on and it can become a negative discussion. We all have beliefs that are important and many need to be held on to for culture and human rights reasons. Remember, that one person is not bet-

ter than another; people are just different. This difference needs to be understood, respected, and appreciated to expand our knowledge.

There is always competition between people; that is a fact of life! Competition with respect makes people/teams better. Consider sports, education, business, legislation etc. With no competition, growth and change are difficult. The people who are prepared to compete with others, even within their own families, are the ones that make a difference. These differences may be viewed as positive or negative. It really depends on the specific person doing the evaluating.

Another truth, a person who can learn from others has a competitive advantage over people who cannot learn from

others, regardless of their education level or life experiences. If I can learn from you and you cannot learn from me, I gain your knowledge while you gain nothing.

It is my hope that we the people of the CNMI can learn from each other regardless who we are and keep our communications positive and focused on improving our lives. We need to help each other because our government is failing people! People need to work together to overcome our problems. Cooperation, synergy, and respect between different people to solve problems might be helpful.

We all live together on these beautiful islands. Let's make the most of our opportunities to obtain a good life for all.

Frank Stewart Capital Hill, Saipan

To Public Lands Secretary Oscar M. Babauta

Dear Mr. Secretary: I, Joe R. Lifoifoi, hereby support the new owners of Suwaso Corp. in their quest to extend its 15-year lease. I reviewed the corporation's business plan and it struck me to find out that the foundation of its business plan is community service and contribution. Suwaso Corp. is committed to providing community contribution as follows: scholarship programs for students enhancing their education; provide local education program; clean up and maintain Unai Dankalu beach and build infrastructures for our community to use for picnics and so forth; provide lightings along the roads of Koblerville; provide benefits packages for local golf players; promote local culture in the hotel; promote and sell local artworks crafted and made locally; promote and purchase food products that are grown locally to assist local farmers. These community contributions exemplify Suwaso Corp.'s commitment in giving back to the community and having the community part of its business.

In addition, part of the new owner of Suwaso Corp. is Vincent DLG. Torres, a Northern Mariana descent, and we need to support our local businessman. Accordingly, I fully support and request DPL to approve Suwaso Corp.'s 15-year lease application.

Joe R. Lifoifoi Chairman, UMDA

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have direct jurisdiction over economic development and building of industries in the CNMI, we ought to start asking these officials to establish and participate in the discussion so that the common people in the CNMI can draw inferences and information to approve or disapprove the gaming industry legislation that is currently underway. Silence by these officials is not an option. We do expect to draw ideas from a careful and well-studied position by these officials. We are not asking for the impossible, what we need to gather from these officials are guidance and competent advisory that is free of showand-tell theatrics.

Francisco R. Agulto Chalan Kanoa, Saipan



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The advertising is done in cooperation with Century Travel, Century Tours' partner in Hong Kong, and Fly Guam Airlines.

Beginning the whole month of July and up until end of August, more than two dozens of transit buses are displaying the Saipan advertisement. These buses ply the busy financial districts of Central, Admiralty, Causeway Bay, as well as key residential and commercials areas of Tsim Sa Tsui, Kowloon Tong, Kowloon Bay, and Quarry Bay.

Also featured in the ad are three major partners of Century Travel and the leading travel agents in Hong Kong: Travel Expert, Smart Holiday, and China Travel Service. (PR)

Dentist wants \$386K; clinic sues for \$80K

A Canadian dentist is demanding a total of \$386,000 in lost wages and damages from her former employers, while one of the employers is seeking \$80,000 from her in lost income and damages.

In a joint final pretrial order issued yesterday, U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Mark W. Bennett said that plaintiff Dr. Masha Maxim is seeking \$94,000 in damages for lost wages for her early termination.

Maxim is also seeking an additional \$292,000 in punitive damages for retaliatory discharge, said Bennett in the order agreed by the parties in the case through their respective lawyers.

Defendant Scot Thompson, on the other hand, is demanding \$8,000 in lost income and at least \$72,000 in punitive damages and/or compensatory damages against Maxim.

The trial will be on Aug. 15,

Maxim is suing Dental Care Inc. and its owners, I hompson and Rodney Stewart, for terminating her and for allegedly failing to make good on their promises. Thompson filed a counterclaim against Maxim for allegedly assaulting him in the clinic.

In his order yesterday, Bennett said there is no need to conduct a separate trial in Maxim's lawsuit and Thompson's counterclaim.

Maxim is planning at trial to go on the witness stand and call six other witnesses. The defendants will likely testify at trial and call Maxim and 15 other witnesses. (Ferdie de la Torre)

So far, 82 SHEFA applicants found ineligible

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com

So far, 82 students who applied for grants with the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program have been found ineligible for financial assistance because they failed to comply with the program's requirements, according to a senior SHEFA official.

SHEFA administrator Henry Hofschneider expects the number of ineligible students to increase in the next few weeks after the full review is completed.

Hofschneider disclosed that a total of 776 applications were turned in for the fall 2011 semester, comprising walk-in applicants, online, and applications received through mail. The deadline for applications was on July 1. He said 55 percent of applicants are from on

island students while the rest are from off-island ones.

Of the 776 applications, Hofschneider disclosed that 82 have so far been denied, mostly due to the lack of the required number of credits and failure to meet the grade point average required by the program.

Hofschneider said he has already completed reviewing about 20 percent of total applications as of yesterday.

"We're now working on the notice of ineligibility to be issued to those who were found noncompliant with the requirements," he said.

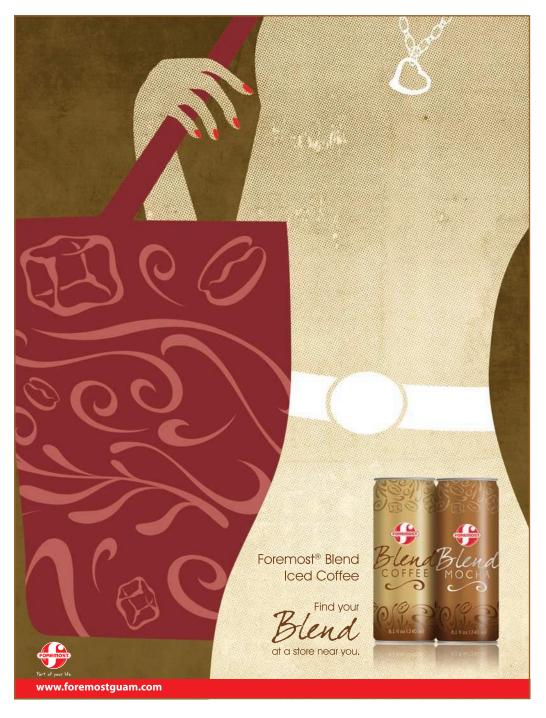
SHEFA expects to find only about 500 students eligible for financial awards in the fall 2011 semester.

Hofschneider said the program will cap the total scholarships amount it will issue this semester at \$1.5 million—half of the \$3 million appropriated for SHEFA this fiscal year. Hofschneider is convinced that the new ceiling will help ensure the continued viability of the program, which relies on the government collections on poker fees and licenses.

SHEFA gave away \$2.3 million in the previous fall 2010 semester, resulting in only about \$900,000 left over for the spring 2010 semester.

Due to budget shortfall, the board has implemented an across-the-board cut in financial awards for the spring 2011 semester, ranging from 25 percent to 50 percent reduction. Another adjustment is expected this new semester with the termination or suspension of the incentive grants. Incentive is given to scholars, on top of their grant-in-aid assistance, if they have 3.5 grade point average per academic term.







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BOE adopts policy on interim assignment, 5 other rules

REPORTER

The Board of Education adopted yesterday a policy on interim assignments and five other proposed rules as final regulations for the Public School System.

Based on the newly approved rules, an employee appointed on an interim assignment shall receive a salary at the rate of the vacant position, effective on the date of the appointment.

Once an applicant is chosen to fill the vacant position, the employee shall go back to his or her original post at the same rate of pay as they were receiving when they accepted the initial interim appointment.

The new policy states that interim appointments should not exceed one year. Any successive interim appointments for an additional year may be approved in concurrence with the board.

This proposal is now published in the Commonwealth Register for public comments prior to formal adoption.

The BOE also adopted final regulations on the evaluation system for teachers and school administrators that will go into effect in school year 2011-2012. The purpose of the policy is to assess classroom teachers and administrators in relation to PSS professional teaching and leadership standards and to design a plan for professional growth. The performance evaluation shall be done every year on the teacher's and administrator's anniversary date.

Administrators are principals and vice principals.

According to PSS, the principal or designee will conduct the evaluation process, during which the teacher will participate through the use of selfstudy assessments, reflection, presentation of artifacts, and classroom demonstration.

For school administrators, the performance evaluation will be done by the education commissioner.

The proposed policy indicates that the teacher or administrator must be given opportunity to comment on the summary rating before any recommendation for contract renewal is submitted.

The board also tightened its policy on bullying and adopted a formal rule establishing expulsion and dismissal from service as among the serious consequences of bullying against students and employees.

BOE prohibits bullying, harassment, or intimidation of any person on school property or at school-sponsored functions or by the use of electronic technology at a public school. The regulation also prohibits reprisal or retaliation against individuals who report such acts or who are victims, witnesses, or bystanders or others with reliable information about such acts.

New policy on head lice, child-abuse reporting

The board also adopted as final regulation a policy on head lice. Students and adults who are found infected with head lice and nits will be barred from entering public school campuses as a way to prevent the disease from spreading. The new policy bars students and employees from attending classes until they are treated.

The board also approved as final regulation the proposed policy on child-abuse reporting, where it designated a liaison officer at each school to curb the crime.

The new regulation mandates all PSS employees who knows

or has reasonable cause to suspect that an instance of child abuse has occurred or will occur to report that knowledge. Failure to do so may expose the employee to disciplinary action.

A procedure for reporting was also adopted stating that immediately upon becoming aware that an act of child abuse has occurred, or developing a reasonable cause to believe that an act of child abuse has occurred or will occur, the PSS employee shall contact the Department of Public Safety within 24 hours.

Spennemann to lecture on Sudsee Expedition

The public is invited to attend Carolines, the ancestral homea presentation by Dr. Dirk Spennemann on the German Sudsee Expedition that will

be held at the Visitors Center Theater, American Memorial Park on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 6pm.

The Sudsee (South Expedition completed a series of ethnographic studies in Micronesia and Melanesia from

1908 to 1910 under the direction of the Hamburg Museum of Ethnography.

Expedition researchers collected detailed information on indigenous cultures that eventually totaled 23 published volumes. They also brought back thousands of cultural artifacts and took hundreds of photographs.

Spennemann will discuss the expedition's activities in Micronesia and his ongoing work to translate two Expedition volumes on the Central

land of the CNMI's Carolinian community.

The translation of this ma-

terial is a Council project supported by a "We the People" grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The resulting information will be of great value to the study of

traditional Carolinian culture and history.

Spennemann is an associate professor in Cultural Heritage Management at Charles Sturt University. He has researched and written extensively on Micronesian history and heritage. His comprehensive study of the German colonial administration of the NMI, Edge of Empire, may be purchased at the Council office.

For more information, call the Council office at 235-4785. **(PR)**



Spennemann

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When: Friday, August 12, 2011

12:00pm - 4:00pmTime:

Registration begins between 10:30am - 11:00am

Seminar Fee: \$50 Per Person, Buffet lunch included

Registration Deadline: Thursday, August 11, 2011

To register or for more information, please contact Glenda P. Cabrera at 322-7337 ext. 237 or via email at glendacabrera@deloitte.com



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMC offices closed on following dates

As announced earlier, the Northern Marianas College will be implementing a work hour reduction for its employees. As such, NMC offices on the Saipan, Rota, and Tinian campuses will be open during normal business hours but closed on the following Fridays: Aug. 5, Aug. 19, Sept. 2, Sept. 16, and Sept. 30, 2011. Please note that during these weeks the Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service offices will extend its business hours from 7:30am to 6:30pm (Monday to Thursday).

Offices that will remain open on the dates earlier mentioned include Counseling Programs and Services and the Community Development Institute. Adult Basic Education classes will continue as planned on these dates as well.

Class registration for the fall 2011 semester will proceed as planned from Monday, Aug. 15, 2011, through Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011. Visit the NMC website at www.nmcnet.edu for more information. (NMC)

Tanapag school kindergarten registration

Tanapag Elementary School's kindergarten registration for school year 2011-2012 will be held on Aug. 8-12 and Aug. 15-17, from 8:30amto 3:30pm at the main office. Kindergarten registration requirements: child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2011; copy of child's birth certificate; school entrance health certificate; copy of health insurance or Medicaid; map of residence; copy of legal guardianship (if applicable).

For questions, call the main office at 664-3425/3126/3427. (TES)

Kagman High orientation schedule

Kagman High School will be holding an orientation for freshmen and sophomores on Aug. 25, 2011. The freshmen orientation will be from 9am to 10am, while the sophomore orientation will be from 10:30am to 11:30am.

The orientation for juniors and seniors will be on Aug. 26, 2011. Juniors will have their orientation from 9am to 10am, while seniors will have theirs from 10:30am to 11:30am.

For more information, call the KHS main office at 237-3840. (KHS)

Registration info for Saipan Southern High

Saipan Southern High School students who have been elevated from Junior High are not officially enrolled if your parents/ legal guardians did not submit a registration form. Pick up forms from the counseling office and submit ASAP for your child to be enrolled in SSHS. All returning students that attended SSHS last year must return all textbooks and settle all obligations with the school, before you can pick up your class schedule.

Schedules are to be picked up at the Counseling Office as follows:

- Seniors, 12th Grade, Aug. 22, Monday, 9am-4pm
- Juniors, 11th Grade, Aug. 23 Tuesday, 9am-4pm
- Sophomores-10th Grade, Aug. 24 Wednesday, 9am-4pm

All transfer and new students enrolling at SSHS in grades 10, 11, and 12 are required to attend an orientation on Aug. 25, Thursday, 9am-4pm, with their parents or legal guardians. Freshman student orientation on Aug. 26 will be held in two different sessions—from 9am-11am and from 1pm-3pm. Attend only one session with parents or legal guardians. No students will be allowed to attend the orientation without parents or legal guardians in attendance.

For more information, call the SSHS principal directly at 237-3702 or the SSHS main office at 664-4000. (SSHS)

Kagman High Painting Party

Calling all Kagman High community stakeholders! Students, parents, alumni are all invited to come to Kagman High on Aug. 10 and 11 at 9am for a painting party! Help us prepare for the opening of the best school year ever! We will be painting the exterior walls of the school in preparation of school year 2011-2012 and our accreditation visit in April. Wear your BA 'HAKI clothes and bring a paintbrush if you have one and a dish to share. We will provide the paint and other supplies. (KHS)

Kagman High Fence Line Clearing Party

Students, parents, alumni are all invited to come to Kagman High School on Aug. 17 and 18 at 9am to help us beautify our campus fence line. We want to clear the sakati and tangan-tangan to make our school safe and secure by providing visibility thorough the fences. Help us with this big task by bringing your kama, machete, bush cutters and strength. We will provide the gas for the brush cutters. Bring a dish to share for the potluck at lunch. (KHS)

Kagman High Water Blasting Party

Students, parents and alumni are all invited to come to Kagman High School on Aug. 22 and 23 at 9am to help us blast last year's dirt away! We want to water blast the sidewalks and window shutters in preparation for the opening of the school. Help us with this wet task by bringing a water blaster if you have one and a hose. We will provide the gas and electricity if your blaster is electric. Bring a dish to share for the potluck at lunch. (KHS)

Kagman High re-registration ongoing

Students planning on attending Kagman High School must re-register in order to get a schedule of classes. The purpose of this is to update our records and contact information. Incoming 9th graders from Hopwood, if you have not registered yet, do it soon! Many of you are not registered yet and time is running out! Required documents: copy of birth certificate, school entrance health certificate, copy of medical insurance card, official transcript, legal guardianship document (if needed) and registration application (which includes an E-Rate income survey). Official registration will end Aug. 19. Late registration will be accepted, but placement in choice classes depends on early registration! (KHS)



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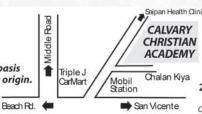
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(Notice of Chinese Passport Renewal and Replacement)

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中华人民共和国驻洛杉矶总领事馆证件组将于 2011年08月17日赴塞班,08月18日赴天宁现场受 理中国护照换发和补发的申请,届时请申请人本人 亲自到现场办理。请各位申请人务必提前认真阅读 有关办证须知,按要求填妥申请表、准备好护照照 片、相关文件及复印件、回邮信封及费用。本次只 受理护照在2012年8月前过期的护照换发申请。有 关事项详见2011年08月5日及2011年08月12日出 版的《塞班侨报》,或登陆中华人民共和国驻洛杉 矶总领事馆网站。

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塞班: 08月17日 上午9:00-下午3:00 天宁: 08月18日 上午9:00-12:00

二、地点:

塞班: 优光(EUCON)国际大学AGAPE礼堂

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For a chance to win submit a photo of yourself using the new L50 ruler or poster - Enter by Aug. 31!

Photos can be dropped at Saipan DFW, DEQ, CRM or NOAA offices or emailed to: marfishmag@gmail.com Mark it 'Size Matters Contest' with your name and phone number Visit <u>www.sizematterscnmi.blogspot.com</u> for details!



House resolution honors outgoing Rota principal

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com REPORTER

A resolution recognizing and honoring the numerous contribu-

tions of the outgoing principal of Dr. Rita Inos Hocog Junior High School was prefiled yesterday in the House of Representatives.

After several years of service on Rota, Maria S. Quitugua will be moving to the Public School Quitugua System's central office as

its assessment program coordinator beginning this new school year. She is expected to relocate on Saipan to perform this duty.

Quitugua has been employed at the Rota Junior High School since 2002. She attended Northern Marianas College where she obtained an associate degree in both liberal arts

and early childhood. She went on to the University of Guam where she earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education, graduating magna cum laude in her class. Qui-

tugua completed her master's certification courses in education supervision and administration at the University of Guam and master's in school program evaluation from the University of Hawaii.

Saipan Tribune learned that Quitugua's vast work experience dates

back to 1993 when she first joined the Rota Head Start Center and Early Childhood Education program for six years. She then became a classroom teacher at Koblerville Elementary School on Saipan from 1999 through 2000. She has also worked as a census enumerator for the Commerce Department and for the Adult Basic Education Program

In 2002, Quitugua moved back to Rota to serve at the Rota Junior High School as its language arts teacher and was later promoted to principal. Throughout her career as an educator, Quitugua continued to avail and keep herself apprised with updates through numerous workshops and trainings here and off-island. She also volunteered her time and services to the community in various capacities.

The resolution states that it is just proper to recognize and honor Quitugua as she takes pride in her responsibilities and accomplishments and undertakes any additional duties and responsibilities without complaint and with a positive attitude, exemplifying her dedication and commitment to education.

The resolution was authored by Rep. Teresita Santos.



U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Julian Ranas enjoys time with his mother, Carmelita Ranas, and his auntie, Wenifreda Santos, on Saipan after his recent deployment to Afghanistan. Ranas, who graduated from Marianas High School, will be returning to his Hawaii base after his leave.

Belated happy birth day greetings go out

Castaneda, who cel ebrated his second birthday yesterday, Aug. 4, 2011. We love you! Greetings come from Mom, Dad, Kuya Jemo And

Kuya Jerome.



K-5 Childhood Development Center

OPEN REGISTRATION

NOW ONGOING

UNTIL OPENINGS ARE FILLED

School Year 2011-2012 Will Start on August 15, 2011

Head Start, Kindergarten

Fwo (2) Sessions (Depending on Enrollment) 7:30am - 11:30am and 11:30am - 2:30pm

Kindergarten – Born Before October 15, 2006 Head start – Born Before October 15, 2007

DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

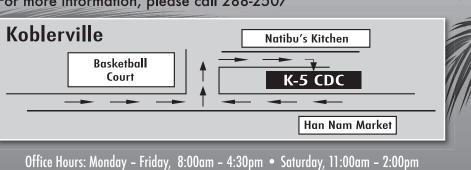
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Headstart Orientation: August 10, 2011, 6:00pm (Wednesday) Kindergarten Orientation: August 11, 2011, 6:00pm (Thursday)

Extra Services Offered - Tutoring

- 1 Hour Tutoring: After school and/or weekends
- Half Day: Summer time only. One on one teaching in a specific subject (ie: reading, math).

For more information, please call 288-2507



COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

Main Office: SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPOR P.O. BOX 501055 • SAIPAN • MP 96950-1055

Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport **Drainage System Improvement/Upgrade** AIP No. 3-69-0002-62/65/67 (CPA-SA-003-09)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT/ UPGRADE, FRANCISCO C. ADA SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-62/65/67, CPA-SA-003-09

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at 2:00 PM, AUGUST 26, 2011, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and reac

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in 240 calendar days. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages in the amount of \$500/day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 10:00 AM, AUGUST 12, 2011, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow right after the pre-bid conference. Attendance is mandatory to all prospective bidders. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are encouraged to use the CD bid schedule form. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority

A contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30. Denial of Public Works Contracts to

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

JOSE R. LIFOIFOI

Date: July 8, 2011

a) chanchi Café: A whimsical spot in the heart of Garapan

By CLARISSA V. DAVID REPORTER

Walking inside the N@chanchi Café and Restaurant in Garapan is already an experience in itself, its interior modestly accented by wooden

white walls, creating a warm and cozy atmosphere.

N@chanchi's manager, Sungnam Lee, revealed that the restaurant name came from a combination of Japanese terms: natsu, which means summer, chan for channel, and chi, which means house.

The newly opened establishment offers a polished take on the usual fares-burgers and

N@chanchi Café and Restaurant has an array of burgers that are made with fresh, homemade patties and locally made hamburger buns. Try the N@chan burger for only \$7.50 or the Terivaki Oyako Burger for \$9. Lee recommends their own version of Chamorro Burger, which has become popular among tourist diners and is just \$9.

For pasta dishes, N@chanchi has the Bolognese or meat sauce spaghetti for only \$7.50 and the Spinach and Bacon Pasta Peperoncino for \$9.50. Or you can try their Carbonara, which Lee said is their bestseller at \$8.50

For budget-conscious patrons, N@chanchi's Special Lunch

Menu includes a dish selection, rice, soup, and salad for only \$8.50.

N@chanchi Café and Restaurant also serves iced and hot

furniture that contrast with the coffee, cappuccino, smoothies, Japanese fried chicken, as well as Peaches Jubilee and Banana Split for dessert.

> N@chanchi has a fairly limited menu for now but Lee disclosed that customers can look forward to an expanded menu, with plans to introduce a noodle menu and happy hour on alcoholic drinks and beverages in the future.

N@chanchi's beginnings

According to Lee, the newly opened café and restaurant is part of a project by the owner,

Kojiro Tanaka, to create not just a café and restaurant but also a magazine designed for tourists.

"We first introduced N@ chan magazine back in January," Lee said about the monthly magazine. "Nachan was created mainly for tourists to give them a guide during their visit to the island."

N@chan magazine, Lee said, contains valuable information on hotels, golf courses, rent-acar, massage and spa, shopping stores, restaurants, and marine sports, among others.

Feel the warm ambience when you visit N@chanchi Café and Restaurant across the Guess store in Garapan. Open daily except Tuesdays, from 11am to 2pm and 6pm to 10pm. N@chanchi offers delivery to nearby areas from 11:30am to 2pm. They only accept cash for now. For orders or information, call 233-5995.



The newly opened N@chanchi Cafe and Restaurant is located across the Guess store in Garapan.



The staff of the newly opened N@chanchi Cafe and Restaurant. From left, restaurant manager Sungnam Lee, Lyn-Chan, and George San-





Mount Carmel School

Post Office Box 500006 Saipan, MP 96950 Tel: (670) 234-6184/234-7188 Fax No. (670) 235-4751 Email: mtcarmel@vzpacifica.net Web: http://www.mtcarmel-edu.net

Mount Carmel School announces the following important dates:

August 08 **Parent Orientation***

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1st Floor High School Hallway

Parent Orientation* August 09

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

1st Floor High School Hallway

*Parents need to attend only one orientation session

August 11 First Day of Classes

School Hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,

7:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. (Wednesday)

Opening Day Mass: 8:00 a.m. at the Cathedral

August 17 **Open House** 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 234-6184.

/S/ Margaret C. DelaCruz President, Mount Carmel School

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Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,] Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. 08-0358-CV

ROSLYN C. PALACIOS Defendant

AUCTION/ JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 3rd day of November, 2010, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 18th day of August, 2011 at 10 a.m., at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot EA 141-3 (part of original EA 141), located in As Perdito, Saipan, containing an area 2,493 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2033/83 the original of which was recorded on January 13, 1983 as Document No. 16277 at Land Registry,

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- Rights and duties of Auctionee Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction
- a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announce-ment before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
- b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
- c) To reject any and all bids.

 2. <u>Bids.</u> Tentative bids may be
- submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749
- Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title property will revert to the Bank of Guam.
- Change of Terms. Auctionee and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice
- Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 30th day of June, 2011.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Business

Going nowhere: Economy struggles to find footing

By PAUL WISEMAN and DAVID K. **RANDALL**

AP BUSINESS WRITERS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Shoppers won't shop. Companies won't hire. The government won't spend on economic stimulus - it's cutting instead. And the Federal Reserve is reluctant to do anything more.

Without much to invigorate growth, the economy may be in danger of slipping into a stupor like the one Japan has failed to shake off for more than a decade. And Wall Street is spooked.

The Dow Jones industrial average Wednesday barely broke an eight-day losing streak, finishing up about 30 points. A nine-day losing streak would have been the Dow's first since February 1978.

Even with the gain, the Dow has fallen 828 points, or 6.5 percent, over the past nine trading days. Investors didn't even pause to celebrate the resolution over the weekend of a dangerous debt standoff in Washington.

Stunned by news last week that the economy barely grew in the first half of 2011, economists are lowering their forecasts for the full year and recalculating the odds that the economy will slide back into recession.

Kurt Karl, chief U.S. economist at Swiss Re. has cut his 2011 forecast for growth this year to 1.8 percent from 2.6 percent. And he has bumped up the likelihood of another recession to 20 percent from 15 percent.

"The last week has made it much more likely that corporate profit estimates will be revised lower," said Nick Kalivas, a vice president of financial research at MF Global

The stocks that have fallen the furthest have been those of companies that fare best in economic expansions. Industrial companies like Caterpillar and Boeing, energy companies like Exxon Mobil and Chevron, and retailers like Amazon and Coach have all fallen by more than the broader stock market.

Investors have pushed government bond yields to their lowest level of the year. The 10-year Treasury note now yields 2.6 percent. Bond yields

typically fall when the economy erode their value. is weak because nervous investors view bonds as a safe place to park their money, and there's

The economy started sputtering early in the year. Economists at first thought the slowdown less chance that inflation will would be temporary, the result

of a short-term rise in gasoline prices and an earthquake in Japan that disrupted shipments of auto parts and electronics.

But the weakness persisted. And it worsened as a political fight over debt and deficits raised the risk that the U.S. government would not be able to pay all its bills.

"It now seems fairly clear that those shocks have done a lot more damage than we expected," says Leo Abruzzese, global forecasting director for the Economist Intelligence Unit. "They seem to have had a devastating effect on confidence."

After the government reported that the economy grew at an annual pace of 0.4 percent in the first quarter and 1.3 percent in the second, Abruzzese is cutting his estimate for 2011 growth from 2.4 percent to less than 2 percent.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Unemployment rose in

WASHINGTON (AP)—Un-

employment rates rose in more

than 90 percent of U.S. cities in

June, mirroring a national slow-

down in hiring. The Labor De-

partment said Wednesday that

unemployment rates rose in 345

large metro areas. They dropped

in 20 cities and were unchanged

in seven. That's worse than

May, when rates rose in only

210 cities. And it is a sharp re-

versal from April, when unem-

ployment rates fell in nearly

all metro areas. The biggest in-

crease was in Joplin, Mo, which

was hit by a major tornado on

May 22. The city lost 9,400 jobs

in June, and the unemployment

rate jumped nearly 2 percent-

age points, to 9.6 percent. The

national unemployment rate

ticked up to 9.2 percent in June,

nearly all US cities



NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION

K & C CORPORATION

NOTICE is hereby given that K&C Corporation, a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands corporation (the "Corporation"), Will be dissolved effective upon the filing of the Articles of Dissolution at the Office of the Registrar of Corporations. All persons with claims against the Corporation are to send them in writing to the Corporation at the following address: P.O. Box 5080 CHRB, Saipan, Mi 96950. The written claim must include the following information:

- Claimant's full legal name and contact information (address, email telephone, fax, etc.):
- Summary description and amount of the claim; and

Pursuant to 4 CMC § 4607, the claim of each of the following claimant is barred unless the claimants commence a proceeding to enforce the claim against the Corporation within five (5) years of the publication date of this newspaper notice:

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY

CNMI GOVERNMENT

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 07, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M

"TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FOR WASTE CHARACTERIZATION AND WTE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE DEPARTMENT FO PUBLIC WORKS, ENERGY DIVISION"

ITHE COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER <u>AUGUST 05, 2011</u> AND MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE CMMI ARRA STATE LEAD, LOCATED AT THE MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA FIHIRD FLOOD, OFFICE #315 OR REQUESTED VIA E-MAIL TO techsupport_assistance@recovery.gov.mp

A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON <u>AUGUST 23, 2011</u> AT <u>9:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME</u>. AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MAIN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, GUALO RAI COMMERCIAL BUILDING.

ALL QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING VIA EMAIL TO techsupport_assistance@recovery.gov.mp OR FAXED TO (670) 234-3016 NO LATER THAN CLOSE OF BUSINESS

THIS IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE ITS USE IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW GRANTING FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY

CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP11-DPL-071

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 06, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

"REQUEST FOR SOIL SCREENING ASSESSMENT AND SURFACE SOIL

FOR UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE (UXO) AND OTHER BURIED METAL OBJECTS WEST SAN-JOSE TINIAN VILLAGE, HOMESTEAD SUBDIVISION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS"

COPIES OF THE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY IN LOWER BASE DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO MS. PATRICIA S. RASA, DIRECTOR, DPL PLANNING DIVISION AT (670) 234-3751/3752/53 OR BY FAX TO (670) 234-3755, NO LATER THAN AUGUST 23, 2011, CLOSE OF BUSINESS.

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO U.S. CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL IF PREFERENCE IS CLAIMED.

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S

/S/ MARTIN C. SABLAN SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS

- A claimant who did not receive written notice under 4 CMC § 4606; A claimant whose claim was timely sent to the Corporation but no
- A claimant whose claim is contingent or based on an event occurring

NEW CAN DESIGN

This product image provided by Anheuser-Busch, shows the new Budweiser label design and a red tab. Anheuser Busch unveiled a bolder, sleeker design for its cans Wednesday that puts a heavy emphasis on the "bowtie" design it has made a focus in recent marketing. It's the 12th redesign since Anheuser-Busch began offering Budweiser in cans in 1936. The new cans will appear in the U.S. in coming weeks and in other countries later this year. Budweiser is one of the world's best-selling beers and a top brand for parent company Anheuser-

Busch InBev SA.

Fundraising Raffle Winners for Jose Tenorio Chong July 30, 2011

We will always keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Un sen Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase/Thank You

Cargill recalling 36M pounds of ground turkey

the highest level this year.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Meat giant Cargill is recalling 36 million pounds of ground turkey linked to a nationwide salmonella outbreak that has killed one person in California and sickened at least 76 others. Illnesses in the outbreak date back to March and have been reported in 26 states coast to coast. Cargill said Wednesday that it is recalling fresh and frozen ground turkey products produced at the company's Springdale, Ark., plant from Feb. 20 through Aug. 2 due to possible contamination from the strain of salmonella linked to the illnesses. Company officials said that all ground turkey production has been suspended at the plant until the company is able to determine the source of the outbreak

| Prizes | Description | HCKet# | Name |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Grand | \$1,000 Cash | 2495 | ChaLida |
| Baby Grand | 1 Live young Cow | 3991 | Lee C |
| 1st | 1 – Live Pig | 1328 | Emy |
| 2nd | 1 – Live Goat | 1602 | Luis Sablan |
| 3rd | 1-Live Roster | 2139 | Frankye |
| 4th | 1-Live Pig (Roasting Size) | 2535 | Jessica Sonoda |
| 5th | 1-Live Goat | 2164 | Dexter Mendiola |
| 6th | 1 Live Rooster | 2719 | No Name |
| 7th | 1-Live Goat | 1219 | Bacha |
| 8th | 1-Live Pig (Roasting Size) | 1158 | Mark Quin |
| 9th | 1-Live Piglet | 1834 | Frances Ramon |
| 10th | 1-Live Piglet | 0430 | Julie Enriquez |
| 11th | \$50 Worth of Fish | 1879 | Reyes |
| 12th | 1 pair – Parakeet Bird | 1144 | Ezra Helgen |
| 13th | 1 pair – Duck | 1989 | Emy |
| 14th | 1 pair - Rabbit | 2427 | Alfredo Aurelio |
| Consolation | Prizes | | |
| 15th | | 2778 | No Name |
| 16th | | 2041 | R Chong |
| 17th | | 1939 | S.T. |
| 18th | | 1485 | No Name |
| 19th | | 2665 | No Name |
| 20th | | 1435 | Craig |
| 21st | | 0514 | Evelyn B. Manglona |
| 22nd | | 2441 | A. Bricia |
| 23rd | | 0908 | J.O.P. |
| 24th | | 2808 | No Name |

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our family and friends for their support during this Fundraising Event. And to all the people who helped in donating prizes and who bought tickets,

SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2011 **21**



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director INVITATION FOR BIDS



CUC-IFB-11-046

INSTALLATION OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced engineering firms for preparation of a new foundation, fabrication, assembly, installation and commissioning a new Above Ground Oil Storage Tank (AST), as per the specifications contained in the bid document and monitored through a construction management firm and/or a third party quality control firm, contracted by CUC.

The new foundation, tank and accessories have been designed by a U S based company and will be supplied to Saipan port. CUC will pay for the customs clearance and delivery, freight costs to a designated location at the power plant site, which will be agreed between CUC and the winning contractor. The current schedule for delivery for the new tank to Saipan is 10th September, 2011. CUC will ensure that such schedules are promptly communicated to the contractor as soon as soon as they are aware of any change in the schedule so that sufficient and reasonable notice is available to the contractor for their actions. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit (non-refundable) from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the **amount of \$ 250.00 for one set**; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, until August 22,

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on <u>August 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST)</u> at the CUC Power Plant Conference Room, Lower Rase, Sainan, Attendance is not mandatory

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC IFB 11-046 -INSTALLATION OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 31, 2011, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms, without alteration. Bidders may supplement this form with additional explanation, as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, PG, via email - venu@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE Executive Director



Commonwealth Atilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-11-047



QA / QC OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced third party inspection firms to provide CUC or the Construction Manager (CM), "Quality Control (QC) and Quality Assurance (QA) Services" during the preparation of a new foundation, fabrication, assembly, installation and commissioning the tank and connected pipeline, if any, as per the specifications contained in the bid document.

The new foundation, tank and accessories have been designed by a U S based company and will be supplied to Saipan port. CUC will pay for the customs clearance and delivery, freight costs to a designated location at the power plant site, which will be agreed between CUC and the winning contractor. The current schedule for delivery for the new tank to Saipan is 10th September, 2011. CUC will ensure that such schedules are promptly communicated to the contractor as soon as soon as they are aware of any change in the schedule so that sufficient and reasonable notice is available to the contractor for their actions. CUC requires the Construction Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit (non-refundable) from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the **amount of \$ 100.00 for one set**; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, until August 22, 2011.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on <u>August 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST)</u> at the CUC Power Plant Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan, Attendance is not mandatory.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB 11 - 047 - QA / QC OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 30, 2011, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms, without alteration. Bidders may supplement this form with additional explanation, as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission. All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

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ABE UTU MALAE Executive Director

Commonwealth I Sankattan Siha Na Islas Mariana Ofisinan I Gubietno Dipåttamenton I Tano' Pupbliku

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (a) and (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to recommend the extension of a lease on certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The lease extension is subject to the approval of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature in accordance with the mandate set out in Article XI, § 5(c) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

- i. The leased premises is described as public land Lot No. 011 L 01, containing an area of approximately 735,023 square meters, more or less, situated in Unai Dangkulu, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.
- ii. The lessee is Suwaso Corporation, a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Chairman), and Phillip Mendiola-Long.

The President and Treasurer of the Corporation is Yusuke Fumoto. The Vice President is Vincent DLG. Torres. The Secretary is Phillip Mendiola-Long.

- iii. The proposed lease extension was negotiated by Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres.
- iv. The lessee shall continue to use the premises solely for the purpose of operating and maintaining a golf course and cottage type resort and related facilities.

The term of the lease agreement extensions is 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the

- v. Copies of the proposed lease extension agreements may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.
- vi. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before August 10, 2011 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT MAPROPONIN INEKSTENDIN INATKILON TANU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106(a) yan (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku guini ha nâ'i notisia ni intesion-ña para u rekumenda i inekstenden inatkilon gi pumalu na tånu' pupbliku siha giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Isla Marianas siha. Esti na inekstenden atkilon siha manmasuhetu para i inaprueban i Lehislaturan Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas gi sigun ni mamånda ni mapega huyung gi Attikilu XI, § 5(c) gi Konstitusion i Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha. Maseha håyi na petsona siha gi halum i pupbliku heneråt siña ha na'hålum i imfotmasion, opiñon, pat testamoñun kinentra siha gi tinahguen propositu siha ni para i atkilon tånu' pupbliku. Sigi mås mo'na mapribeniyi ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesin imfotmasion ni madimånda ni debi na u mapupblika

- i. I lugåt atkilon siha madeskribi komu tano' pupbliku Lot No. 011 L 01, kinonsisti årian kåsi guaha 735,023 square meters, putlumenus mås, ni gaige gi Inai Dångkulu, Saipan. I kopian i pumalu na lugåt gaigi na gumuaha gi Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni para i rikunosimientu.
- ii. I manatkikila i Suwaso Corporation. I Kuetpon i Direktot siha gi Korporasion si Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Kabesiyu) yan si Phillip Mendiola-Long.

I Presidenti yan Treasurer gi Korporasion si Yusuke Fumoto. I sigundu Presidenti si Vincent DLG. Torres. I Sekritåriu si Phillip Mendiola-Long.

- iii. I maproponi na ekstension atkilon manigosiu gi as Siñot Vincent DLG. Torres.
- iv. I manatkikila debi na u kontinua umusa i lugåt siha uniku para i hinangai i operasion yan maintaining golf course yan cottage type resort yan mana'achuli' na fasilidåt siha.

I teman i kuntråtan atkilon ha ekstendi gi 15 åñus.

I manmaproponi na åpas atkilon gi sakkan gi duråntin i tema sigun gi percentage gi appraised fair market value gi propiedåt siha.

- v. Kopian i manmaproponi na ekstension atkilon na kontråta siha siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha, gaigi gi segundu bibienda 2nd floor gi Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; gi Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet 1st bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.
- vi. I Sekritåriun i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha debi na u aksepta i tinigi' i imfotmasion, opiñon yan testamoñun kinentra pat tinahguin propositu siha ginin i manggai interes na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Agosto 10, 2011 gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi Saipan, Luta, pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL EBWE SÓBWEEYLÓ AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil 106 (a) me (b) mellól Public Law 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow ammataf igha e tipáli bwe ebwe tingóór bwe extension reel akkilon mereel eghus falúweer toulap mewóól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw Kka Efáng Marianas. Lease extension yeel ebwe alúghúlúghló mereel Téél Falúw Kka Marianas Commonwealth Legislature sángi llól mandate e towoow mellól Article XI, § 5(c) llól Constitution-ul Téél Falúw Kka Efáng Marianas. Reer toulap schóókka re mwuschel rebwe issisilong yaar aghiyegh, aweewe, angiingil pomwo kkaal reel akkilon-ul falúweer toulap. Me bwal Public Law 15-2, e ayoora lamal aweewe kka e fisch ngáli milikka ebwe akkatééló.

- Akkilonul falúw yeel nge ekke bwááriló bwe public land Lot No. 011 L 01, emmwel ebwe yoor fisabwughúw eliigh me limwoow sangaras, reweigh me eluuw (735,023) square meters, elapló ngáre eghus, elo Unai Dangkulu, Seipél. Tiliighil bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyol Falúweer Toulap(Department of Public Land) bwe aubwe ghuleey fischiy.
- ii. Schóól lessee nge Suwaso Corporation, eew CNMI Corporation. Samwoolur Board-ul Corporation yeel nge ikka, Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Samwoolul), me Phillip Mendiola-Long.

President me Treasurer reel Corporation yeel nge Yusuke Fumoto. Vice President nge Vincent DLG. Torres. Secretary nge Phillip Mendiola-Long.

- ii. Schóól aweewel pomwol lease extension yeel nge Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres.
- iv. Schóól lessee ebwe kke yááli bwuley reel mwóghutu me ayoora golf course me tapal cottage resort me akkááw akkayúú.

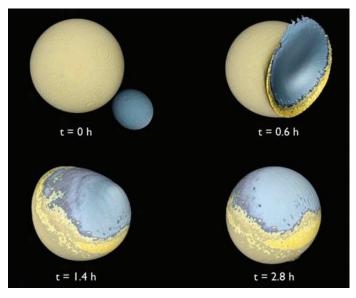
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Pomwol annual rental ghal term nge ebwe féér mereel percentage-il appraised fair market value reel properties kkaal

- v. Tiliighil ngáre kopiyal pomwol abwungubwungul ebwe sóbweeyló akkilon yeel emmwel ebwe bweibwogh mellól bwulasiyol Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap (Department of Public Land), elo 2nd floor mereel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél; Songsong Village, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor mereel Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.
- vi. Samwoolul Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, angiingi me ngáre ifa mereel pomwo kkaal sángi schóókka re tipáli wóól me ngáre mmwal Elúwel (August) 10, 2011 mereel Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap(Department of Public Lands offices) elo Seipél, Luuta, me ngáre Tchúlúyól.

Nation

Earth's two moons? It's not lunacy but a new theory



WASHINGTON (AP)—In a spectacle that might have beguiled poets, lovers and songwriters if only they had been around to see it, Earth once had two moons, astronomers now think. But the smaller one smashed into the other in what is being called the "big splat."

This diagram provided by Martin Jutzi and Erik Asphaug, University of California, Santa Cruz via Nature shows a simulation of four stages of a collision between the Moon and a companion moon, four percent of the lunar mass, about 4 billion years ago.

The result: Our planet was left with a single bulked-up and ever-so-slightly lopsided moon.

The astronomers came up with the scenario to explain why the moon's far side is so much more hilly than the one that is always facing Earth.

The theory, outlined Wednesday in the journal Nature, comes complete with computer model runs showing how it might have happened and an illustration that looks like the bigger moon getting a pie in the face.

Outside experts said the idea makes sense, but they aren't completely sold yet.

This all supposedly happened about 4.4 billion years ago, long before there was any life on Earth to gaze up and see the strange sight of dual moons. The moons themselves were young, formed about 100 million years earlier when a giant planet smashed into Earth. They both orbited Earth and sort of rose in the sky together, the smaller one trailing a few steps behind like a little sister in tow.

The smaller one was a planetary lightweight. The other was three times wider and 25 times heavier, its gravity so strong that the smaller one just couldn't resist, even though it was parked a good bit away.

"They're destined to collide. There's no way out. ... This big splat is a low-velocity collision," said study co-author Erik Asphaug, a planetary scientist at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

What Asphaug calls a slow crash is relative: It happened at more than 5,000 mph, but that's about as slow as possible when you are talking planetary smashups. It's slow enough that the rocks didn't melt.

And because the smaller

moon was more than 600 miles wide, the crash took a while to finish even at 5,000 mph. Asphaug likened the smaller moon to a rifle bullet and said, "People would be bored looking at it because it's taking 10 minutes just for the bullet to bury itself in the moon. This is an event if you were looking at, you'd need a big bag of popcorn."

The rocks and crust from the smaller moon would have spread over and around the bigger moon without creating a crater, as a faster crash would have done.

"The physics is really surprisingly similar to a pie in the face," Asphaug said.

And about a day later, everything was settled and the near and far sides of the moon looked different, Asphaug said.

Co-author Martin Jutzi of the University of Bern in Switzerland said the study was an attempt to explain the odd crust and mountainous terrain of the moon's far side. Asphaug noticed it looked as if something had been added to the surface, so the duo started running computer simulations of cosmic crashes.

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ACROSS THE NATION

72 charged in probe of child sexual abuse network

WASHINGTON (AP)— Seventy-two people have been charged with participating in an international child pornography network that prosecutors say used an online bulletin board called Dreamboard to trade tens of thousands of images and videos of sexually abused children. Attorney General Eric Holder and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said Wednesday a 20-month law enforcement effort called Operation Delego targeted more than 600 Dreamboard members around the world for allegedly participating in the private, membersonly Internet club created to promote pedophilia. Numerous participants in the network sexually abused children ages 12 and under, produced images and video of the abuse and then shared it with other club members, according to court papers released in the case.

Stepdad's pickup taken from home of dead NH girl

STEWARTSTOWN, N.H.

(AP)—Law enforcement officials looking into the death of an 11-year-old New Hampshire girl whose body was pulled from a river this week entered her home with a warrant Wednesday and impounded her stepfather's pickup truck, as her mother be-

gan making arrangements for a private memorial service. New Hampshire State Police loaded the late-model silver pickup truck onto a flatbed, and gloved crime scene technicians examined its undercarriage before it was hauled away. Investigators also re-entered the home as they sought evidence that could assist in the criminal investigation in the death of Celina Cass, who was last seen at a computer at her home the night of July 25 and was reported missing the next morning.

Groups ask to voice views on meds in Loughner case

PHOENIX (AP)—Two national psychiatric groups on Wednesday asked an appeals court to let them weigh in on the issue of forced medication in the criminal case against the man accused of wounding Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in a deadly shooting rampage in Tucson. The American Psychiatric Association and the American Academy of Psychiatry and The Law made a request to become a party in the case as the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals considers whether the decision to forcibly medicate Jared Lee Loughner with psychotropic drugs can be made by prison officials or a judge. Loughner has been at a Missouri prison facility since May 27 after a judge concluded he was mentally unfit to help in his legal defense.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-11-036

GASIFICATION OR WASTE TO ENERGY GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced Independent Power Producers (IPP), to supply electrical energy or synthetic diesel - produced from commercially proven Waste to Energy (WTE) or Gasification systems, for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one respondent to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install Gasification or Waste to Energy generation facilities that best fit the CUC's requirements. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) will be the feedstock.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, securing sites, all permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully operational Gasification or Waste to Energy Generating Facilities. Selected IPP(s) will be responsible for operating and maintaining all facets of the Generating Facility (ies) and for generating the required output as described in the Request for Proposal.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on <u>June 21, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)</u>, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-036" Gasification or Waste to Energy Generation" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than August 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST). A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Late submissions will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **July 19, 2011** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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GEOTHERMAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms to explore for and develop geothermal energy on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the purpose of generating electricity. Proximity to the active Mariana volcanic arc, extensional faulting, and the occurrence of shallow water wells with anomalous temperatures suggest that sufficient geothermal resources may exist beneath Saipan to support generation of electricity using binary plant technology.

Proposer must submit a development plan including: (1) a timeline and milestones for resource assessment, exploration drilling, resource development and plant construction, and delivery of electricity to the grid; and (2) a pricing schedule for electricity delivered to the grid. The successful Proposer must have demonstrated capability and provide equipment and materials necessary to (1) assess geothermal potential and identify targets for exploratory drilling, (2) perform exploration- and production-hole drilling, and (3) construct and operate geothermal power plants.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed to all interested Offerors, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of \$200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on <u>August 17, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)</u>, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-048. Geothermal Energy Development on Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **September 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sàblan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than August 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST) to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications of prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-11-037

EXHAUST HEAT RECOVERY PROJECT ORGANIC RANKINE CYCLE (ORC)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced companies or IPPs, to supply electrical energy produced from commercially proven Exhaust Heat Recovery systems (Organic Rankine Cycle), for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation. The heat recovery system will be tied to the exhaust systems on diesel engines at Power Plant No.1 in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one respondent to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install Exhaust Heat Recovery systems that best fit the CUC's requirements.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, any permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully the Exhaust Heat Recovery Systems.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on <u>June 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)</u>, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-037" Exhaust Heat Recovery Project" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than <u>August 18, 2011</u> at 10:00 AM (ChST). A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Late submissions will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on <u>July 19, 2011</u> to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-11-049

INSTALLATION OF SEWER SERVICE LINES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the installation of Sewer Service Lines in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

The project consists in general of the installation of sewer service lines to existing CUC sewer mains. When CUC customers are approved for sewer service, the contractor will obtain the required permits and connect them to the existing sewer mains. The work will include the sewer service line, sewer saddles, asphalt repairs, septic tank abandonment. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 365 calendar days from date of award of contract or when the funds are exhausted.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 (nonrefundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on August 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-049, Installation of Sewer Service Lines" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 1, 2011, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code, Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00200 - Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 19, 2011 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net, Commander, Kenneth Esplin-Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth_esplin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE **Executive Director**

Asia

China says Japan defense comments irresponsible

BEIJING (AP)—China has expressed its "strong dissatisfaction" at Japan's comments that it was concerned with China's increasing naval activity in waters near its shores and was taking measures to bolster its coastal defense.

A statement posted on the Foreign Ministry's website late Wednesday said Japan's annual defense report contained irredefense plans.

China's defense and military modernization drive does not target any other country and is solely for safeguarding its own sovereignty, security and territorial integrity, Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu said in the statement.

Tokyo's report released Tuesday said Japan is concerned by

sponsible comments on China's Chinese exercises held in the Pacific and in waters surrounding Japan, a worry heightened by what it called China's longstanding failure to provide information that would reassure the world about its rapid military modernization.

> Japan is especially worried by the Chinese navy, which plans to carry out operations and training as a routine practice in waters

surrounding Japan, including the East China Sea, the Pacific Ocean and the South China Sea, the report said.

Ties between Japan and China have been strained for years over a contested gas field and disputed islands in the East China Sea.

China also has territorial disputes with the Philippines and Vietnam in the potentially resource-rich South China Sea.

Ma reaffirmed China's stated commitment to solving disputes through bilateral negotiations and to continue peaceful development.

"I hope Japan can learn from the past, seriously reflect on its own defense policy and do more to deepen mutual trust with neighboring countries, maintain regional peace and stability, not the contrary," Ma said.

Police detain 8 Filipino officers linked to hazing

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— Eight Philippine police officers have been detained for investigation after a video surfaced showing them humiliating, laughing and taking videos of naked recruits during anti-insurgency training, officials said Thursday.

In the latest hazing scandal to hit the country, national police spokesman Agrimero Cruz Jr. said at least three superiors of the eight officers may also be relieved of

their posts and investigated over the "barbaric" treatment.

Commission on Human Rights official Byron Bocar said a video sent to the agency showed the officers applying liquid laced with chili pepper on the penises of the trainees, who screamed in pain.

The terrified trainees were also ordered to lick a police insignia coated with the chili liquid and were beaten with sticks as the

trainers laughed and took videos with their cellphones. One recruit vomited after being ordered to drink the liquid, officials said.

Commission on Human Rights Chairwoman Loretta Ann Rosales asked Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo to order an investigation and take steps to prevent police camps from turning into "breeding grounds of future torturers," Bocar said.

The video was sent by uniden-

tified people who may have been among the mistreated trainees, human rights officials said.

National police chief Director-General Raul Bacalzo ordered the filing of administrative and criminal complaints against the

A similar hazing scandal hit the Philippine military in March, when communist guerrillas uploaded a video on YouTube showing army officers slapping, punching and beating dozens of recruits who were clad only in shorts. The video sparked public outrage.

The military acknowledged that the training had occurred three years ago and said the officers have been punished.

Last year, police officials relieved the entire staff of a Manila police station after a television network broadcast a video showing police torturing a naked detainee, who screamed on the floor as a man pulled a rope tied to his genitals and whipped him.



COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

ESTATE OF SEGUNDO DLC. CASTRO, LEE Q. CASTRO, VIRGINA Q. CASTRO, LILLIAN Q. CASTRO, ALFREDO Q. CASTRO, ANICIA C. SONODA, and LEE VINCENT R. CASTRO, Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-0246B NOTICE OF AUCTION

Fee simple land situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, known as Lot No. 002 T 03 (Formerly Block I Lot 3) as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 002 T 00, dated August 20, 1969, and containing an area of 1,367 square meters, more or less, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

- square meters, more or less, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

 The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at 2:00 p.m., on Friday, September 2, 2011, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

 1. Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.
 2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
 3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:

 a) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;

 b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

 c) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.

 4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in wiriting, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sabaha, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, Po. Box S02149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, Po. Box S01127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.

 5. Deposit: Payment, A deposit of fen percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. All payments must be made you sah, cashier's check or Credit Card'. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned provy will revert to CDA.

 6. Change of Terms, Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms

RAMON C. MAFNAS, Commission Department of Public Safety /S/



Legal Description

CDA Rights Appraised Utilities Available

Market Value



Lot 002 T 03 1,367 square meters San Jose Village, Tinian, Saipan Fee Simple Interest Electric power, city water, telephone, TV cable \$113,000

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION (Tinian and Rota Properties)

The auction shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

The properties are being sold "AS IS";

The properties are being sold **WITHOUT WARRANTY** of any type;

The public auction will be held at the **CDA Conference Room, Second Floor** on Friday, September 2, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

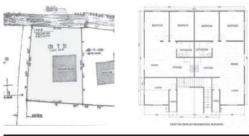
Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale.

Terms of the sale are cash, credit card (MC and Visa only: 2% processing fee will be charged on credit card payment) or certified check; and

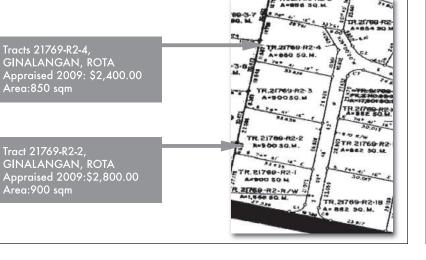
CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale.

MANUEL A. SABLAN





MARPO, TINIAN (Duplex) Lot No. 131 T 31 Lot Size: 1,322 sqm Appraised 2008: \$70,000



ASIAN BRIEFS

10 die in Indonesian helicopter crash

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—A helicopter chartered by an Australian mining company slammed into a mountain in eastern Indonesia, killing all 10 passengers and crew, the head of the search and rescue team said Thursday. The Bell 412 carrying two Australians, two South Africans and six Indonesians—lost contact with authorities Wednesday afternoon minutes after takeoff from the city of Manado on Sulawesi island, said Lucky Pondaag, an airport spokesman. It was heading to Newcrest's Gosowong Mine on the island of Halmahera.

3 NATO service members killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Three members of the U.S.-led military coalition were killed Wednesday in Afghanistan, NATO said. The coalition said two died in a roadside bombing in southern Afghanistan where foreign forces are trying to hold the ground they seized from Taliban insurgents in major offensives over the past year. Another died in a noncombat-related incident in eastern Afghanistan, the volatile second front of the nearly decade-long war. No other details were disclosed, pending notification of their relatives. So far this year, 328 foreign troops have been killed in Afghanistan. Last year, 404 died in the first seven months of the year.

Red Cross offers relief aid for NKorea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)-South Korea's Red Cross said Wednesday it has offered North Korea \$4.7 million in basic humanitarian supplies to help the country recover from flooding and heavy rains. The rains have pounded the impoverished country since June and caused severe damage, according to North Korea's news agencies. Dozens were killed or went missing and thousands were displaced just up to mid-July, Pyongyang's official Korean Central News reported this week. The South's Unification Ministry, which handles affairs with North Korea, said Pyongyang had yet to respond to the Red Cross offer, made as diplomats discuss a possible resumption of international talks meant to persuade North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons programs.

World

Bedridden and caged, Egypt's Mubarak goes on trial

CAIRO (AP)—From a bed inside the defendants' cage, an ashen-faced Hosni Mubarak showed a glimmer of his old defiance. Egypt's former president wagged his finger in the air and denied all charges against him Wednesday as he went on trial for alleged corruption and complicity in the deaths of protesters who helped drive him from power.

The spectacle, watched live on state television by millions of Egyptians, calmed the fury of those who suffered under his rule—some of them parents of children gunned down during the uprising that toppled the longtime president.

The father of a slain protester, among those sweltering in the heat outside the courtroom on



This video image taken from Egyptian State Television showing 83year-old former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak speaks to the court, using a microphone while laying on a hospital bed inside a cage of mesh and iron bars in a Cairo courtroom Wednesday Aug. 3, 2011, as his historic trial began on charges of corruption and ordering the

killing of protesters during the uprising that ousted him from office. Mubarak's regime victim eyes trial with disbelief

CAIRO (AP)—The father of a 16-year-old protester shot and killed by police gasped quietly when he saw 83-year-old Hosni Mubarak enter the defendants' cage for his trial. In a fleeting moment of sympathy, his eyes welled with tears.

Then he smiled and called his wife. "She laughed for the first time. She told me that Mubarak picked his nose and his interior minister almost had tears in his eyes," chuckled Ramadan Ahmed, a retired naval officer.

For Ahmed and hundreds of other Egyptians who hold Mubarak responsible for the deaths of their relatives during the 18-day uprising that forced the longtime president to step down, the spectacle was both cathartic and spellbinding.

"It is a pivotal moment for Egypt. If this didn't happen, people would have gone wild. It would have been chaos for real this time," said Ahmed, 51, who watched Wednesday's televised proceedings at the Cairo offices of The Associated Press at AP's invitation. "But he did this to himself.'

Seeing the man who ruled Egypt for nearly three decades now on trial "is difficult and emotional for a moment," Ahmed said. "He deserves this. His political stupidity and arrogance did this to him. It blinded and deafened him.'

Ahmed said he never understood the ugliness of the regime until the death of his son Mohammed.

"As a man of the armed forces, I had a relatively good living and I had no time to think of all the injustice that he had created in this country," Ahmed said.

He now says it is gratifying to watch "the lion in a cage" but takes pains to explain that his fight for retribution is no longer personal.

"I no longer want this to be about Mohammed," Ahmed said. "But Mohammed and the hundreds others must be immortalized. People must see gains in moments like these. When people see hope, they will pray for Mohammed and the others. If they don't, they will only call them reckless youth and curse them."

"We now don't have much in common with our ancestors the Pharaohs, but people look at them and say look at the great history. I hope these youths can bring this," he said.

military rulers would allow one of their own-a former air force commander and a war heroto be prosecuted in front of the world, the scene went a long way toward satisfying a key demand that has united protesters since Feb. 11, when Mubarak fell following an 18-day uprising.

"This is the dream of Egyptians, to see him like this, humiliated like he humiliated them for the last 30 years," said Ghada Ali, the mother of a 17-year old girl in the city of Alexandria who was shot to death during the crackdown.

"I want to see their heart explode like my daughter's heart exploded from their single bullet," she said, breaking down in sobs.

Still, the sight of Mubarak being wheeled into the courtroom in a hospital bed may win him some sympathy, said lawyer Fathy Abul-Hassan, who represents several victims' families.

Egypt's Mubarak

What had been the longest tenure since King Mubarak resigned Feb. 11, 2011, following weeks of protest. He now faces trial.

1980s

1981 Assumes presidency after Anwar

1987 Elected to second of five terms 1989 Helps create Arab Cooperation Council (financial market); rejoins Arab League

1990s

1995 Survives assassination attempt in Ethiopia, one of at least six attempts on his life

1997 58 tourists killed in Luxor by Islamist militants in attempt to topple Mubarak

2000s

2005 Wins fifth term despite street protests; has constitution rewritten to limit competition 2006 Says he will retain presidency for life

2010s

February 2011 Protests over high levels of poverty, corruption and unemployment lead to his resignation

August 2011 Brought to trial, accused of conspiring to kill protesters and abusing power to gain wealth

During his presidency, Mubarak maintained stability, peace with Israel and ties with the U.S., but he incited anger at home as he jailed opponents, rigged elections and failed to bring

prosperity to many

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the third day of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, was ecstatic.

"The biggest achievement of this revolution is that all these crooks and scum are in a cage," said Mohammed Mustafa El-Aggad. "We're here to tell Hosni, 'Happy Ramadan. Congratulations on your new cage."

The ailing 83-year-old Mubarak lay on a hospital bed as his sons, one-time heir apparent Gamal and wealthy businessman Alaa, stood protectively beside him, at times trying to shield their father from the camera and hundreds of spectators. Dressed in white prison uniforms, the two younger Mubaraks denied charges of corruption.

The sight of Mubarak lying helplessly in bed inside the grim metal and wire cage was a stunning moment for Egyptiansand for a region known more for its presidents-for-life and absolute monarchs than democracy or accountability.

With Arab Spring revolts sweeping the Middle East, the sight of Mubarak during Wednesday's hearing could serve as a powerful cautionary

tale for other autocratic leaders who have long acted as if they alone were fit to rule. From Libya's Moammar Gadhafi to Syria's Bashar Assad and Yemen's Ali Abdullah Saleh, the lesson of Mubarak's predicament may be very simple: Don't lose.

People watching the spectacle across the region proclaimed it a

"This is the beginning of democracy in the Arab world," declared Rabha Idris, an engineer from Libya, where the uprising against Gadhafi's rule is into its seventh month.

"This is a new era," enthused Zainab Hassan, a 22-year-old university student from Bahrain, a tiny Gulf Arab nation whose Muslim Shiite majority is demanding equality with the Sunni minority. "The people now believe they can be free from dictatorship."

Many in Egypt savored the humiliation of the man who ruled with unquestionable power for 29 years, during which opponents were tortured, corruption was rife, poverty was widespread and political life was stifled.

With skepticism that Egypt's



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Off The Wall

Wisconsin professor wins 2011 bad writing contest

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP)—A sentence in which tiny birds and the English language are both slaughtered took top honors Monday in an annual bad writing contest.

Sue Fondrie of Oshkosh, Wis., won the 2011 Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest for her sentence comparing forgotten memories to dead sparrows, said San Jose State University Prof. Scott Rice. The contestant asks writers to submit the worst possible opening sentences to imaginary novels.

Fondrie wrote: "Cheryl's mind turned like the vanes of a windpowered turbine, chopping her sparrow-like thoughts into bloody pieces that fell onto a growing pile of forgotten memories."

The University of Wisconsin professor's 26-word sentence is the shortest grand prize winner in the contest's 29-year history, Rice said.

Contest judges liked that Fondrie's entry reminded them of the 1960s hit song "The Windmills of Your Mind," which Rice described as an image that "made no more sense then than it does now."

The contest is named after British author Edward George Bulwer-Lytton, whose 1830 novel "Paul Clifford" begins with the oft-quoted opening line "It was a dark and stormy night."

The contest solicits entries in a variety of categories. John Doble of New York won in the historical fiction category:

"Napoleon's ship tossed and turned as the emperor, listening while his generals squabbled as they always did, splashed the tepid waters in his bathtub."

To take the prize for best purple

prose, Mike Pedersen of North Berwick, Maine, relied on a thesaurus'-worth of synonyms:

before a brisk breeze under a sapphire sky dappled with ce-

"As his small boat scudded rulean clouds with indigo bases, faded to azure at the horizon, through cobalt seas that deepened to navy nearer the boat and

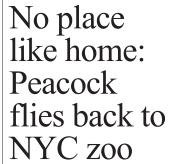
Ian was at a loss as to why he felt blue."

reportedly sold for \$22.5 million in 2009. Zookeepers predicted the handsome green and blue bird would make its way home—and it did just before 7 a.m. Wednesday.

It's been a rebellious season in the city zoos.

In March, an Egyptian cobra was found nearly a week after it went missing at the Bronx Zoo's Reptile House. Two months later, a zoo peahen was recovered at a nearby autobody shop.

A peacock on the loose after it escaped from the Central Park Zoo stands on a window ledge above fifth avenue Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011 in New York.



NEW YORK (AP)—A peacock with a sense of adventure—and a good sense of direction—has flown back home to New York's Central Park Zoo. On Tuesday, humans flocked and tweeted as the peacock left the zoo for a perch on a Fifth Avenue window ledge. It had good taste: A condo there



OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Ill. woman finishes bar exam while in labor

CHICAGO (AP)—A pregnant suburban Chicago woman was so determined to finish the Illinois bar exam that she completed the test even after going into labor. The Chicago Tribune reports 29-year-old Elana Night-

ingale Dawson had started the final portion of the exam last week when the Northwestern Law School graduate went into labor. The exam must be finished to be valid. Nightingale Dawson says her goal was "to get through the exam as fast as I could and leave" unless anything more serious happened. Her contractions were about 15 minutes apart. After finishing, she walked with the proctor about one block to a downtown Chicago hospital. The Downers Grove woman's son, Wilson, was delivered by C-section about two hours later. She'll find out in October if she

passed the bar.

Loose cash found along Ohio highway totals \$21K

DELAWARE, Ohio (AP)— Loose cash found along a highway has made a central Ohio community nearly \$21,000 richer. Delaware city officials have revealed that's how much money police collected on a day in early March, when one officer said it looked as though the median on U.S. Route 23 was growing money. The city north of Columbus held on to cash for nearly five months and kept the amount secret to see if anyone would try to claim it. Since no one did, the windfall now goes into Delaware's general fund. City Community Affairs Coordinator Lee Yoakum tells The Delaware Gazette reports authorities suspect it was from a drug sale or some other illegal activity.

Police: Cannabis on busy Vienna thoroughfare

VIENNA (AP)—Vienna police have shut down an unusual cannabis "ring"—hemp growing along the Austrian capital's busy Ring Street encircling the city's center. Alerted by a news article about the illegal crop, police officers on Friday plucked a 200-meter (yard) stretch of green space along the three-lane street clean of the offending plants. They acted after a Viennese biology student walking along the Ringstrasse identified the green sprouts poking through bark mulch beneath the stately trees seaming the street and told the Heute about his discovery. Police are investigating.

Pa. man jailed after drunken cooking leads to fire JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP)—A Pennsylvania man is jailed on charges of reckless endangerment and resisting arrest after police say he passed out drunk while cooking, causing a small fire that forced the evacuation of his public housing apartment building. Online court records show the Cambria County Public Defender is representing 25-year-old Avery McCall, who was arrested about 3 a.m. Tuesday at his apartment in the Solomon Homes public housing complex in Johnstown. That's about 60 miles east of Pittsburgh. The Tribune-Democrat of Johnstown is reporting that firefighters had to use a pass key to enter the smoky apartment, where they found McCall on the couch as food burned on his stove. Nobody else was hurt in the fire.

Oregon woman: Wal-Mart said cover up or leave

EUGENE, Ore. (AP)—An Oregon woman says she was told to put a shirt over her bikini top while shopping at Wal-Mart or leave the store. Sandy McMillin told The Register-Guard she was shopping at a Eugene Wal-Mart with her sister last weekend when a store employee confronted her and claimed she may be violating health regulations. An attorney for the 51-yearold McMillin said the experience was embarrassing but he is more concerned about the way McMillin was treated because she is disabled from injuries suffered in motorcycle crashes. A spokeswoman for the Arkansas-based retail giant said the employee was responding to customer complaints and McMillin was not asked to leave the store. McMillin says she'll probably still shop at Wal-Mart—but at a different store.

Phoenix police: Man stole ambulance outside fire

PHOENIX (AP)—Phoenix police say a man tried to steal an ambulance left running outside a house fire but he didn't get very far. Police spokesman Sgt. Tommy Thompson says 28-year-old Travis Ward took the vehicle, which was unlocked and had its keys in the ignition. It had been left running early Sunday to keep cool for anyone seeking medical care. Thompson says Ward drove the ambulance for a few blocks, striking a post, a fence and parked cars. He says the man told police he had used marijuana before the incident. Thompson says no injuries were reported and he wasn't aware that anyone at the west Phoenix fire needed medical care.

Calif. teen survives after being in buried sand

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif.

(AP)—A fire spokeswoman says a teenage boy is in good condition after he was pulled from under about five feet of sand that collapsed on him at Newport Beach. The Orange County Register says paramedics and lifeguards were called to the beach just east of the Santa Ana River at about 3:40 p.m. Wednesday. Authorities say the boy had dug about five feet below the surface of the beach when the surrounding sand caved in on him. He remained buried for nearly 30 minutes while paramedics dug him out. The newspaper says a crowd that gathered at the site erupted in cheers when the boy was rescued and appeared to be OK.

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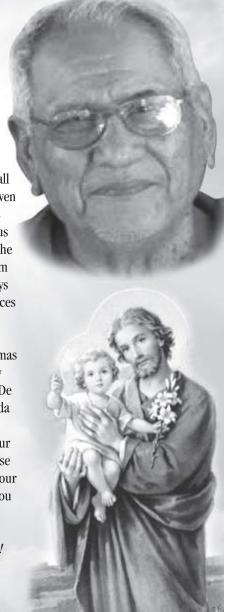
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Wish to extend our deepest sincere appreciation for all the kindness and words of comfort that you all have given us on the loss of our beloved "Jose". Your precious prayers, love, support, and condolences has helped us during our most difficult times and has also given us the courage to accept that although, "Jose" has gone from our lives and into his final resting place, he will always live among us in our hearts. Your presence and sacrifices during this difficult time is greatly appreciated.

We are also especially grateful for Bishop Emeritus Tomas A. Camacho, Fr. Ryan Jimenez, Fr. Ike Ayuyu, Fr. Rev Rosal, Fr. Jesse Reyes, and alter servers, San Antonio De Padua Choir, Ben Cam Funeral Services, Uncle Ben Ada and Ada Mortuary (Guam), our Techas – Rosalina Magofna (Saipan) and Dolores Aldan (Guam), and our friends and relatives from on & off-island. Also to those who gave contributions and lent their helping hands, your kindness and generosity will never be forgotten and you will always be in our prayers.

Un Sen Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase / Thank You!

Dolores M. Diaz, children and family



Science & Technology

Check out this digital camera

By DON LINDICH
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q. You recently recommended the pocket-sized Casio Exilim EX-FH100 digital camera for \$250. Do you know where I can purchase it? Do they have a newer upgraded version? If not, can you recommend another camera very similar to this particular one?—M.E.

A. The EX-FH100 is being phased out in favor of the EX-ZR100. I did some research and it seems that the consensus from end users is that the EX-FH100 is superior. If you want a Casio I'd get an EX-FH100 before they are all gone. It is readily available on Amazon for about \$260.

Speaking of products that are going to be phased out soon, I do have another recommendation for a really super pocket camera nearing the end of its product cycle, the Samsung TL350. At current prices it is a great buy and has a very unique feature set, as well as excellent photo and video performance. I had planned on writing about

audio this week but it is such speed recording mode similar to a find I wanted to tell readers while they can still get one.

The 10-megapixel TL350 has a sharp Schneider-Kreuznach 5x zoom lens with an optical image stabilizer. The camera is beautifully styled, made of metal, and has retro analog dials on top for the battery and memory card capacities. A beautiful OLED screen displays your pictures and the camera has a high-end feel throughout. The user interface is a bit unique and can be challenging at first, but once you learn its quirks it allows advanced users to unlock the camera's potential. Novices can just put it on the full auto mode and click away with great results.

The TL350 records 1080p/ 30 fps high-def video that is really fantastic for a compact camera. If you have a Blu-ray player or TV with an SD Card slot that supports AVCHD you can play movies from the memory card slot. I did this with my Panasonic ST30 plasma as well as the matching Blu-ray player and it worked great. The TL350 has a highthe Casio, and can even snap pictures while recording video. As I said, it is quite unique!

Using the TL350 and viewing the pictures on my computer afterwards reminded me of the experience I had with the Olympus XZ-1, and that is high praise indeed. The Olympus is undoubtedly a better picture taker, but it is larger, more expensive and does not do video as well as the TL350. The XZ-1 images look pretty much perfect straight from the camera, with no tweaking necessary. The TL350's images look good right out of the camera, but if you

want perfect a few moments tweaking them in software really makes the pop with detail, sharpness and vivid, yet natural color.

The TL350 has an MSRP of \$399 but currently sells new for \$239, refurbished for \$189 on eBay. New or refurbished,

SAMSUNG chneider- KREU 5mm 1:2.8.5 The Samsung TL350 is a great buy and has a very unique feature set, as well

Mass for the burial will be offered at 10:00 a.m.

Interment will follow at Tanapag Cemetery. Where we will bid him farewell and a peaceful rest.

How to restore 'restore'

By ANNE KRISHNAN

QUESTION: I seem to have lost the restore function on my computer. Clicking on "system restore" in "performance and maintenance" from the control panel does nothing. What can I do to restore this function to my Windows XP system?—L.K., Raleigh, N.C.

ANSWER: System restore is a handy function that allows you to roll back your system to a point in time before you, for example, downloaded a virus or deleted an important file. Microsoft support offers several solutions if system restore doesn't run.

Start by going to update.microsoft.com to install any system updates. If you are prompted, restart the computer. After the computer restarts, click "Start," "All programs," "Accessories," "System Tools" and "System Restore" to see if it's working.

If that doesn't work, you also might want to try making sure that system restore is enabled on the drives where you want it enabled. Click "Start," right-click "My Computer" and then click "Properties."

Click the "System Restore" tab. If it is enabled, the "Status" column of the drive will show "Monitoring." If not, you can uncheck the "Turn off system restore" box and then click "OK" to enable it.

Finally, you can make sure you have enough disk space on the drives where system restore is enabled. To check for free disk space, Microsoft says, click "Start," then "Run" and type diskmgmt. msc. Press "Enter."

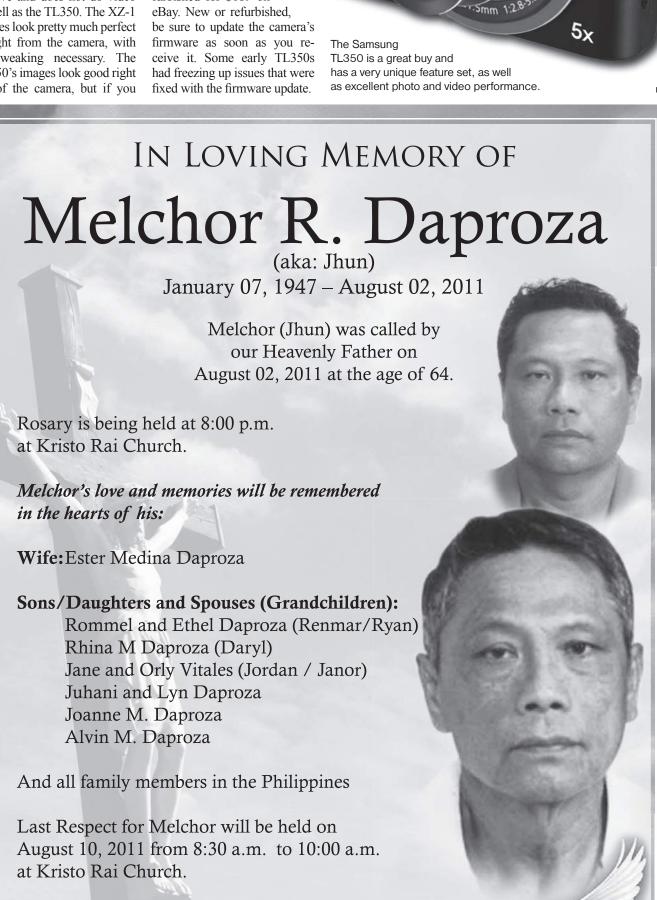
Look at the free space in each drive that system restore is monitoring. If free space on any partition falls lower than 50MB, system restore will suspend. It will resume monitoring when free disk space reaches 200 MB.

Q: From time to time, my computer mouse freezes and I have to reboot to start it again. I have used AVG to clean up my system every way I know and downloaded Registry Mechanic and have run all those programs. Afterwards, for two or three days, I had no problems, then it all started up again.— T.J., Godwin, N.C.

A: A problem like this is most often a hardware problem, not a software issue said Paul Rosenberg of Love Your Computer in Chapel Hill, N.C.

If it is just the mouse freezing and you find the keyboard responsive, the next step would be to try another mouse, he said. You also can try the same mouse in a different USB port.

If you are experiencing a complete system freeze and having to hard-boot the computer, you may have a more serious problem such as a failing motherboard or power supply, he said. In that case, you may want to check with your local computer repair shop.



Life & Style

Lost Hitchcock film discovered in New Zealand

fred Hitchcock is still surprising his fans.

Film preservationists said Wednesday they've found the first half of the earliest known surviving feature film on which Hitchcock has a credit: a silent melodrama called "The White Shadow."

The first three reels of the sixreel film, made in 1923, were discovered by the National Film Preservation Foundation at the New Zealand Film Archive.

"The White Shadow" was directed by Graham Cutts, and the 24-year-old Hitchcock was credited as writer, assistant director, editor and art director.

Hitchcock made his own di-

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Al- recting debut two years later with among films donated to the the chorus-girl melodrama "The Pleasure Garden." He went on to direct such suspense classics as "Psycho," "The Birds," "Rear Window" and "Vertigo."

> "The White Shadow" is a "missing link, one of those few productions where we are able to bridge that gap of Hitchcock, the young guy with all these ideas, and Hitchcock the filmmaker," said David Sterritt, author of "The Films of Alfred Hitchcock."

> "Even though he didn't direct it, he was all over it."

> Foundation Director Annette Melville said the three "White Shadow" reels—about minutes—were found

archive by the family of New Zealand projectionist and collector Jack Murtagh.

No other copy of "The White Shadow" is known to exist.

The film stars Betty Compson in a dual role as twin sisters, one angelic and the other "without a soul," according to Melville.

"At the time, people said the plot was improbable. I'm putting a polite spin on it. Many said it was ridiculous," Melville said. "It's a totally crazy, zany plot with soul migration back and forth and all these improbable meetings."

A restored print of "The White Shadow" will be shown Sept. 22 at the Samuel Goldwyn



Theater at Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences headquarters in Beverly Hills. The program also will feature two recently rediscovered short films, including one directed by

Mabel Normand.

"White Shadow" director Cutts was a workmanlike director con-

The influence of Hitchcock, a meticulous planner and control

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this Planet of the Apes prequel centering on genetically engineered chimp Caesar (Andy Serkis), who was created in a San Francisco lab by an ambitious father/son scientist team (John Lithgow and James Franco), and who uses his powerful intellect to lead an ape uprising against all of humankind.

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and starring silent-era superstar

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Film academy president Tom Sherak is coming to Oprah

Sherak says Winfrey is "one of the most philanthropic performers in the world" and thus deserving of the academy's Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award.

ture Arts and Sciences voted Tuesday night to present Winfrey with an Oscar statuette at the annual Governors Awards in November. James Earl Jones and makeup artist Dick Smith will also receive honorary Os-

Blogs have been abuzz with criticism over the selection of Winfrey for the award since the

cerned with delivering movies on schedule and "making sure the camera was in focus," said Hitchcock expert Sterritt.

freak once he began directing himself, can be seen throughout the images that have been released from "The White Shadow," Sterritt said.

Academy defends Winfrey as honorary Oscar winner

Winfrey's defense.

The Academy of Motion Piccars at the private ceremony.

announcement was made late

Tuesday. In an article published Wednesday, Los Angeles Times calls the academy decision "a boneheaded move.' "Winfrey has done good

work in the world, but that's not enough to merit an Oscar," he writes, and plenty of anonymous Internet posters on Wednesday agree. Sherak says the Hersholt

Award recognizes an individual who "exemplifies giving back to the community, the world, society in an extraordinary way."

"Oprah has given and given and given," he said, adding that she has contributed more than \$500 million of her own money to charitable causes. "She's a member of the acad-

emy, she was nominated for an Academy Award and she columnist Patrick Goldstein has produced movies. This is not about personality. This is about a person who has come from the depths, risen to the heights and given back. That's a perfect example of why this award was created."

> The Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award was established shortly after the death of the actor in 1956. Previous winners include Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Paul Newman, Elizabeth Taylor, Quincy Jones and Jerry Lewis.

> The award is presented periodically when the academy's board of governors believes there is a worthy recipient, Sherak said.

Heather Mills: Journalist told me I'd been hacked

LONDON (AP)—Model know this?' And he started quot-Heather Mills on Wednesday accused a senior newspaper my machine." journalist of boasting that his colleagues had intercepted her voicemail messages, a potentially explosive allegation that could widen the scope of Britain's phone hacking scandal.

In an interview with BBC's "Newsnight" program, the exwife of former Beatle Paul Mc-Cartney claimed that in 2001 she was called by a senior editorial figure with the Trinity Mirror group of newspapers about a fight she'd had with McCartney, her then-boyfriend.

Mills quoted the journalist as telling her: "Oh, I hear you've had a big argument with your boyfriend.

"And I said: 'Why would you

ed verbatim the messages from

Mills said that when she accused the journalist of hacking into her phone and threatened to call the police, the journalist admitted that the story had been obtained by eavesdropping and pledged not to publish it.

Mills named the journalist in her interview, but the BBC bleeped out his name, citing legal reasons. It was left unclear exactly which newspaper the journalist worked at—the Trinity Mirror PLC publishes about 165 titles across the country, including Britain's left-leaning Daily Mirror, its sister-paper, the Sunday Mirror, and The People, a sports-and-celebrity

oriented tabloid.

Neither was it clear why Mills was making the accusations now, 10 years after the alleged incident and a month after the phone hacking scandal first began making headlines across the world.

Attempts to reach Mills for further comment were unsuccessful. Her office said the 43-year-old was traveling and couldn't be contacted.

Trinity Mirror PLC has consistently refused to answer questions about the past conduct of its journalists, saying only that its employees follow the law and the British press watchdog's code of conduct. Mirror spokesman Nick Fullagar said Wednesday that the group was sticking to its statement.

Kutcher will play Internet billionaire on 'Men'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Ashton Kutcher will play "an Internet billionaire with a broken heart" when he arrives as the new star of "Two and a Half Men" next month.

CBS Entertainment Nina Tassler shared this tidbit about the much-anticipated cast change for TV's biggest sitcom during a session with television reporters on Wednesday. Kutcher, of course, will fill the void left by Charlie Sheen, who made a stormy exit from "Men" last season.

Kutcher's character will be named Walden Schmidt, confided the CBS boss. who added that Schmidt has no family connection to the characters played by continuing stars Jon Cryer and Angus T. Jones. They portrayed the brother and nephew of Sheen's departed character.

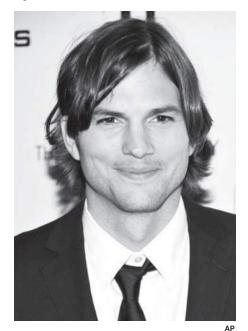
Tassler would not confirm or deny reports that the new season of "Men" begins with the death of Sheen's character, Charlie Harper, and a funeral.

"The mystery is part of the marketing," she said.

"Men" begins its ninth season on Sept. 19 with the first of a two-part kickoff that establishes Kutcher's character.

Predictably, Tassler voiced excitement about the show's new star.

Kutcher, she said, "is an extraordinarily professional, talented, funny, gifted actor who comes with a tremendous amount of commitment and enthusiasm."



In this Jan. 20, 2011 file photo, actor Ashton Kutcher attends a special screening of "No Strings Attached" in New York.

"The show will be as irreverent as it has ever been," she promised. "Our Program Practices people are already on high alert."

Even so, Kutcher and his "Men" co-stars were conspicuously absent from Wednesday's sessions of the Television Critics Association, which was visited by cast members from several of CBS' new fall shows as well as from "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," the veteran crime drama that is welcoming Ted Danson to the fold for its upcoming 12th season.

Asked why the "Men" gang wasn't on hand, Tassler replied that the show is in production. It resumed shooting Monday, and a break for a meeting across town with reporters would have been too disruptive, she explained.

"There is a tremendous amount of energy and focus and attention," Tassler said. "I would be lying if I didn't say when everybody walked on that set on Monday, you could cut the air with a knife.'

Kutcher's first week on the job begins a new chapter for "Men" after a tumultuous conclusion to Sheen's eight-season run as a fast-living, womanizing cad. Sheen's portrayal drew inspiration from his own life of sex sprees, serial marriages and substance abuse, which spiraled into clashes with the show's studio as well as its creator, Chuck Lorre, and CBS. He was fired in March and the season was shuttered early.

Tassler was asked what she had learned from that experience. "Oh, where do I begin?" she replied with mock weariness, but hastily insisted she preferred to look forward, not behind.

Then, when asked if, in the future, CBS might introduce new policies for casting actors who are known for erratic behavior, she cracked, "That would probably be every actor in the business."

Lengthy medical test poses a challenge for solo patient

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: Like other people my age, I'm supposed to get a colonoscopy. The difficulty is that someone has to go to the two-hour appointment with me, as well as supervise me for 3 to 4 hours afterward until the anesthesia wears off.

I don't have family here, and my friends all work full time, so I hesitate to ask them. Can I hire a home health aide to go along with me? Is there a volunteer organization that provides companions?



Could I stay in the recovery room for several hours and then take a taxi or drive myself home? The lack of a person to accompany me is the major reason I haven't gotten the procedure yet. I know I must not be the only person in this boat. What do you suggest?

ON MY OWN IN BLOOMINGTON, IND.

DEAR ON YOUR OWN: You're definitely not the only person who has faced this problem, which is why I'm print-

Do you belong to a church? If so, contact your clergyperson and ask if he or she knows someone in your congregation who would be willing to accompany you for the procedure, drive you home and stay for a few hours. If not, because you live in a university town, contact the school and ask if one of the students would like to earn some extra money by providing you with transportation and supervision.

Or, ask your doctor for a referral to a healthcare aide who might be available to help you. Now stop procrastinating and schedule this very important appointment.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 28-year-old married woman. I work full time, own a house with my husband and have a great family life. As an only child, I have always been close with my parents. I talk to Mom sometimes twice a day and stay at their house when my husband has to work the night shift.

I mentioned to my parents that I want to get a small tattoo on my foot. They went nuts. Mom screamed at me to get out of her house. She said if I get a tattoo I am no longer welcome in her house. I tried explaining that I am an adult and although she may not agree with my choice, the decision is not hers. Dad said tattoos are trashy. Mom wouldn't speak to me for two weeks. I had to send her flowers to smooth things over.

I don't know what to do. I still want the tattoo. My husband isn't wild about the idea, but respects my decision. How do I get my parents to come around on this matter, and on my judgment in general?

TIME TO CUT THE CORD

DEAR TIME TO CUT THE CORD: You might start by being less dependent on their approval. Tattoos have become so common they are now mainstream—worn by doctors, lawyers and people in just about every profession. A tattoo on your foot would not be a sign you are a fallen woman.

However, think carefully about this decision because once it's on, it's there to stay. And be sure that getting it isn't a delayed form of teenage rebellion on your part and that you can live with the flak that's sure to come with it.

Your letter reminds me of the time I told my mother I wanted to get my ears pierced. Her response was: "I gave you a perfect body. If you want two more holes in your head, it's up to you." I did and never regretted it, but it made me think twice. And that's what you should do.

DEAR ABBY: Many of us have old electric typewriters that go unused. Why not donate them to a nursing home or to an elderly person who can no longer write? Even people with severe Parkinson's disease can still hit a key with one finger and write letters they were once unable to do.

SUSAN IN ARKANSAS

DEAR SUSAN: That's a great idea, and one worth pursuing for anyone interested in recycling.

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Buchanan: No slur intended with Obama 'boy' quip

NEW YORK (AP)—Pat Buchanan said that he didn't mean to slur President Barack Obama by referring to him as "your boy" during a discussion with Al Sharpton.

The former GOP presidential candidate and current MSNBC analyst appeared on "Morning Joe" Wednesday to explain remarks he made on that network's Sharpton show 12 hours earlier. They were discussing Obama's political strength when Buchanan said that "your boy" had caved in past negotiations and

was "your boy in the ring."

"He's nobody's boy," Sharpton said. "He's your president, he's my president, and that's what you have to get through your head."

During his initial "Morning Joe" appearance on Wednesday, Buchanan said he wanted to clarify what he had said to Sharpton during a "spirited discussion."

"Some folks took what I said

as some kind of a slur," Buchanan said. "None was meant, none was intended, none was delivered."

On "Morning Joe," Buchanan was appearing alongside political analyst Mark Halperin, who was making his first appearance on MSNBC a month after being suspended for an off-color remark about Obama.

Lauren Ambrose is Broadway-bound in'Funny Girl'

NEW YORK (AP)—Lauren Ambrose will be stepping into Barbra Streisand's big shoes in a revival of "Funny Girl" that is heading to Broadway.

The former star of "Six Feet Under" has been cast as Fanny Brice in a production that will play the Ahmanson Theatre in



Ambrose

Los Angeles before arriving New York in the spring of 2012. It will

be the first Broadway

production of the musical since it originally opened in 1964. It features music by Jule Styne, lyrics by Bob Merrill and a book by Isobel Lennart, as well as songs like "Don't Rain on My Parade" and "People."

Ambrose has previously appeared on Broadway in "Awake and Sing!" and "Exit the King" and starred in the Shakespeare in the Park productions of "Romeo and Juliet" and "Hamlet."

was likely to do so in the future.

"My what?" Sharpton responded. "My president, Barack Obama? What did you say?"

Buchanan, using a boxing analogy, answered that Obama

Suddenly, Ted Danson is hard at work on 'CSI'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—It was just three weeks ago that Ted Danson was announced as the new star of "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," and now he's in production—and a bit dazed by the suddenness.

"My jaw is kind of hanging down from the newness of all of this," Danson told reporters on Wednesday as he recalled that just two weeks earlier, he was leisurely staring out at the ocean from Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

Danson plays the new supervisor for the Las Vegas CSI team on the CBS drama, which films in Los Angeles. Danson steps into the position originally held by William Petersen and then filled by Laurence Fishburne, who had been on the show since its 2008-09 season.

Danson's character, D.B. Russell, is the child of counterculture parents who schooled him themselves at home and

during travels in their van. He has a less obsessive way of experiencing the world than his fellow investigators.

Explained "CSI" executive producer Don McGill, "Here's this character who has things really, really in

balance: family; work; life." "I feel like I have walked into this perfect situation for me," Danson said.

The 63-year-old actor first found TV stardom nearly 30 years ago playing Boston bar owner Sam Malone on "Cheers," a comedy hit on NBC that ran for 11 seasons. And though he has had a variety of roles since then, he said he had never played a crime-buster be-

But even now, he said, "They still won't give me a gun."

"CSI," whose stars also include Marg Helgenberger and George Eads, will begin its 12th season on Sept. 21. But will it go on to match the

longevity of "Law & Order" and "Gunsmoke," which tie the record for TV drama at 20 seasons?

"Ted has signed on for an additional 12 years, plus an option," joked executive producer Carol Mendelsohn. "Yeah-I think it will."

Christie Hefner husband accused of insider trading

NEW YORK (AP)—The husband of former Playboy Enterprises CEO Christie Hefner was accused Wednesday of using inside information in trading Playboy stock, and has agreed to pay almost \$170,000 to settle the case.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said William A. Marovitz made trades in the magazine publisher's shares between 2004 and 2009 based on non-public information and despite instructions from his wife and the company's attorney not to do so. The agency said the five trades helped him either make profits or avoid losses of \$100,952.

The civil case, filed Wednesday in federal court in Illinois, said Marovitz bought and sold Playboy shares based on information from his wife about the company's earnings, stock offerings and a potential acquisi-

pany founder Hugh Hefner, was CEO until January 2009. Christie Hefner and Marovitz were married in 1995.

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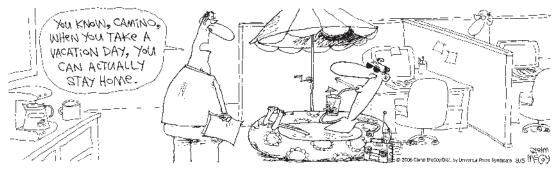
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Happy Birthday: Make a move mentally, emotionally or physically this year. You need to make a change to get rid of any dead weight you've been dragging along. Focus on how you can turn something you've wanted to do for some time into a reality. Think big, but don't go over budget. You can reach your goals if you are smart in how you pull things together. Your numbers are 9, 11, 17, 21, 33, 36, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The more you accomplish, the better you will feel. Getting involved in a disagreement is a waste of time. Make changes that will suit you best and keep moving. Love is on the rise, and socializing is a must.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have good ideas, but don't go overboard or you will miss your goal. Too much of anything will work against you today. Accepting change is the quickest way to move forward. A mini vacation will help put things in perspective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A good suggestion can cut your work in half. Concentrate on what needs to be done and move quickly so you can get on with more pleasurable activities. A money deal will entice you. Romance is highlighted. ����

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Examine your options carefully. You can handle more than you think if you are clever in the way you present your skills. Listen attentively, and you will benefit from the knowledge you pick up. 🛇

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Keep your plans simple and cost-efficient. Going overboard will be your demise. Stick close to home and spruce up your surroundings; you will get something back on your investment. A commitment must be honored. A personal change will boost your ego.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look at your options before you make a decision. Invitations must be weighed carefully. Focus on whatever event or activity will bring you the most knowledge and the least expense. ����

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Physical hands-on help is required. Your dedication and hard work will impress someone who will use what you have to offer for a handsome return. Love is in the stars, and a commitment can be made. A change of personal plans will lead to something better.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a backseat and let things unfold. Watching for the perfect moment to jump in and do your thing will lead to being a hero. Meddling must be avoided to keep the peace with someone you love. Focus on yourself and creative home improvement projects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A money matter can be put to rest. Your ability to wheel and deal will help you

come out on top. Settlements, winnings and financial investments are possible. Expect delays and confusion while traveling.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have to be smart about the way you handle personal money matters and the people trying to get something from you for nothing. Don't give in to pressure when it's you who should be doing the pushing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let your emotions get in use way or important. Treat the ones you love with respect and avoid getting upset over trivial matters. Make personal changes that will ensure you don't make the same mistakes again. 33

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Private information will be revealed. Be careful how you handle others and what you share. You can make positive gains if you put your heart into something you feel passionate about. Good fortune will come to you if you aren't too pushy.

Birthday Baby: You stand out in a crowd and are not afraid to do things in a demonstrative way.

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MOSES M. SAN NICOLAS, Defendant.

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Giants down D'backs to take NL West lead



S A N FRAN-CISCO (AP)—

The San Francisco Giants wrested back sole possession of the National League West division lead by beating the Arizona Diamondbacks 8-1 on Wednesday.

San Francisco starter Ryan Vogelsong (9-1) won his careerbest sixth straight decision, allowing one run in six innings with seven strikeouts as the Giants ended a form slump that had seen them lose five straight games and be outscored 31-8.

Orlando Cabrera drove in three runs while Carlos Beltran tripled among his three hits, scored twice and drove in a run in his best game since joining the Giants from the New York Mets.

Arizona starter Jason Marquis (8-6) went four innings, allowing eight runs.

Vogelsong has been the Giants' most reliable starter and hasn't lost since May 26 against Florida. He extended his career high for victories Wednesday with a 108-pitch performance in which he withstood deep counts for much of the afternoon. Not bad for a guy who just keeps improving after showing up at spring training as a non-roster invitee, getting promoted in mid-April, then becoming an improbable All-Star at age 33.

"I think it's a little too early to be pushing the panic button," Vogelsong said. "Obviously I knew we'd lost five in a row and we needed to win."

After Zach Duke's seventhinning RBI single got Arizona on the board and chased Vogelsong, Guillermo Mota entered and struck out the side in both the seventh and eighth for a career high-tying six Ks.

Phillies 8, Rockies 6

In Denver, Roy Halladay fought through an erratic outing for his NL-leading 14th win, guiding Philadelphia past Colorado.

Halladay (14-4) allowed eight hits in seven innings, striking out seven and walking only one as the NL East-leading Phillies won their sixth straight.

Ryan Howard drove in four runs with a homer and a double as Philadelphia completed the sweep.

Colorado starter Jason Hammel (6-11) gave up six runs in five innings in taking the loss, the Rockies' fourth straight.

Brewers 10, Cardinals 5

In Milwaukee, Casey McGehee homered three times as Milwaukee beat St. Louis to extend its NL Central lead.

McGehee hit go-ahead, tworun homers in both the first and third innings and added a seventh-inning solo shot to give Milwaukee its eighth win in nine home games. Corey Hart also homered for the Brewers, who extended their lead over



San Francisco Giants' Carlos Beltran slides safely into home plate to score on a double by Orlando Cabrera during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2011, in San Francisco.

the Cardinals to 3-1/2 games.

St Louis' Rafael Furcal hit a three-run homer and drove in four runs off Randy Wolf(notes) (8-8) in his fourth game since being acquired from the Los Angeles Dodgers, but new Cardinals starter Edwin Jackson struggled.

Jackson (1-1) gave up 10 runs over seven innings of extended work because of St. Louis' worn-down bullpen.

Braves 6, Nationals 4

In Washington, Dan Uggla hit a three-run homer and extended his career-best hitting streak to 25 games as Atlanta downed Washington.

Uggla's streak is Atlanta's longest since Marquis Grissom's 28-game run in 1996, while Freddie Freeman had two hits and two RBIs to extend his own hitting streak to 18 games; the longest by a rookie in the majors this season.

Braves rookie starter Brandon Beachy (5-2) took a shutout into the sixth but failed to get another out.

Chien-Ming Wang(0-2) allowed six runs in five innings for the Nationals, whose fourgame winning streak ended.

Cubs 1, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Starlin Castro homered and Matt Garza pitched seven shutout innings to lead the Chicago Cubs over the sliding Pittsburgh Pirates.

Castro's solo homer leading off the eighth inning made a winner of Garza (5-8). The right-hander combined on a four-hitter with Sean Marshall and Carlos Marmol, who worked the ninth for his 22nd save. Castro hit a full-count pitch over the left-field fence off Chris Resop (3-3) for his fourth home run of the season to give the Cubs their first four-game winning streak of 2011. The shortstop went 3 for 4 and is 9 for 14 in the first three games of the four-game series.

Garza was lifted after walking pinch-hitter Matt Diaz to start the eighth. He allowed four hits, walked two and struck out seven for his first win in seven starts.

Pittsburgh starter Charlie Morton pitched seven scoreless innings, allowing five hits.

Astros 5, Reds 4

In Houston, rookie J.D. Martinez homered and hit a go-ahead two-run double in the seventh inning to help rookie starter Jordan Lyles pick up his first career win as the Houston Astros beat the Cincinnati Reds.

Martinez hit a two-run homer in the first inning and drove in two more with a bases-loaded double off reliever Nick Masset (1-5) to put Houston ahead 4-3.

Lyles (1-6) allowed six hits and three runs in seven innings to pick up his first win in his 12th start. Fernando Rodriguez pitched a perfect eighth before Mark Melancon allowed one run in the ninth for his 11th save.

Padres 3, Dodgers 0

In San Diego, Tim Stauffer shut down the Dodgers for 6 1-3 innings, Jason Bartlett homered and the San Diego Padres averted a three-game sweep.

Bartlett, who had three hits, broke a scoreless tie with a leadoff home run in the sixth against Ted Lilly (7-11). The Padres stopped their five-game losing streak against Los Angeles.

Stauffer (7-8) gave up six hits, walked one and struck out two.

Heath Bell, the subject of trade rumors prior to the July 31 deadline, posted his first save since San Diego opted not to deal the closer, who is in the last year of his contract. The save was Bell's 31st in 33 opportunities.

Red Sox 4, Indians 3

In Boston, Jacoby Ellsbury got the winning hit for the second night in a row, homering with two outs in the ninth inning to give the Boston Red Sox a 4-3 win over the Cleveland Indians on Wednesday.

Joe Smith (2-2) got the first two batters on groundouts before Ellsbury hit an 0-1 pitch over the wall in straightaway center field. Ellsbury singled to center with one out to end Tuesday night's game.

Jonathan Papelbon (4-0) pitched a perfect ninth.

Dustin Pedroia and Adrian Gonzalez each had two hits for Boston, which won for the 10th time in 13 games.

Yankees 18, White Sox 7

In Chicago, Derek Jeter had five hits, Curtis Granderson drove in five runs and the surging New York Yankees pounded Gavin Floyd and the Chicago White Sox.

Robinson Cano and Eric Chavez each had three hits and four RBIs for the Yankees, who have won six straight. Leadoff hitter Brett Gardner scored four times and Mark Teixeira drove in three runs in New York's highest-scoring game of the season.

Cano capped the Yankees' four-run first with a three-run

drive to right for his 17th homer. Granderson added a two-run triple in the second and New York chased Floyd (9-10) during its seven-run third inning.

Carlos Quentin hit a three-run homer and a sacrifice fly for the slumping White Sox, who have lost five straight.

Tigers 5, Rangers 4

In Detroit, Doug Fister pitched seven effective innings to win his Detroit debut while Alex Avila and Ryan Raburn homered as the Tigers beat the Texas Rangers.

Fister (4-12), acquired from Seattle on July 30, earned his first victory since May 30—a span of 10 starts. He allowed two earned runs and eight hits without walking or striking out a batter.

Fister became the first Tigers starter to go seven or more innings without a walk or strikeout since Justin Verlander on May 17, 2006.

Jose Valverde pitched the ninth for his 30th save in as many tries, despite allowing a solo homer to Mike Napoli.

Matt Harrison (9-8) took the loss, giving up four runs on nine hits and three walks in six innings.

Royals 6, Orioles 2

In Kansas City, Luke Hochevar pitched neatly into the eighth inning, Billy Butler homered and drove in four runs and the Kansas City Royals beat the Orioles.

Hochevar (8-8), the first player picked in the 2006 draft, is 4-0 in his past seven starts and has matched the longest winning streak of his career. He also set a personal high for wins in a season, having gone 7-13 in 2009.

Hochevar allowed one earned run and four hits in 7 1-3 innings. He struck out seven, walked one and retired 16 straight batters during one stretch.

Jeremy Guthrie (5-15) yielded six runs on eight hits in seven innings. He leads the majors in losses.

Greg Holland picked up his first career save in his second opportunity.

Rays 9, Blue Jays 1

In St. Petersburgh, Robinson Chirinos hit his first major league homer and drove in four runs, James Shields pitched into the eighth inning and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays.

Chirinos had a three-run shot off Carlos Villanueva (6-3) during a four-run third that put the Rays up 8-1. An inning earlier, he drove in a run with a bunt single.

Shields (10-9) allowed one run and three hits in 7 1-3 innings. The right-hander struck out six and walked three.

The AL All-Star was coming off a start last Wednesday where he gave up 10 runs over four innings in a 13-4 loss to Oakland.

Mariners 7, Athletics 4

In Seattle, Charlie Furbush retired the first 13 batters in five strong innings and the Seattle Mariners swept past the Oakland Athletics.

Furbush (2-3), acquired Saturday in a four-player deal with Detroit, allowed one run and two hits with three strikeouts and no walks. He had a perfect game through 4 1-3 innings before Conor Jackson ended it with a fifth-inning double off the left-field wall that was inches away from being a home run and needed a video review.

Casper Wells, who came along with Furbush from the Tigers, had a pair of hits and two RBI, and Mike Carp had three hits and a pair of RBI.

Brandon League got the last two outs for his 26th save.

Angels 11, Twins 4

In Anaheim, Michael Cuddyer and Delmon Young each homered twice and the Minnesota Twins beat the Los Angeles Angels.

Cuddyer's grand slam in the fifth inning broke a 4-all tie. Jason Kubel also went deep to give the Twins a season-high five home runs.

Peter Bourjos homered for the Angels, who squandered a chance to tie Texas for the AL West lead for the first time since July 5. Manager Mike Scioscia returned to the dugout after serving a one-game suspension.

Anthony Swarzak (3-3) was credited with the victory, allowing one hit in five scoreless innings of relief after taking over for ineffective starter Scott Baker.

Pistons introduce Frank as new coach

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP)—Under normal circumstances, Lawrence Frank would have begun his tenure as the coach of the Detroit Pistons by talking about Tayshaun Prince, Richard Hamilton and Rodney Stuckey.

Instead, he found himself discussing Boston coach Doc River, Philadelphia president Rod Thorn and his high-school basketball coach—names from his past instead of his future.

Welcome to the strange new world of taking over a team during the NBA lockout.

"This is going to be a little difficult because of the situation we are in," Frank said early in his news conference. "I can't talk in specifics or about the players, so I'll have to be a lot more vague than I normally try to be."

Frank talked about the excitement of taking over one of the NBA's "elite franchises," pointing to the replica banners hanging in the team's practice facility.

"You look at the numbers—six straight years in the conference finals, playoffs in eight of the last 10 seasons and those three titles," he said. "There are only five teams in the NBA with three of those, and this is one of them. That's an honor."

Frank is walking into anything but an elite situation, though. Under Michael Curry,



Lawrence Frank, right, sits next to Detroit Pistons president of basket-ball operations Joe Dumars as he addresses the media as the team's new head coach during an NBA basketball news conference in Auburn Hills, Mich., Wednesday, Aug. 3, 2011.

the team squeaked into the 2008-09 playoffs and were swept right back out by the Cleveland Cavaliers. That led to Curry being fired in favor of another first-time coach, John Kuester.

Kuester's record was bad enough on paper—he went 57-107 in his two seasons—but the once-proud franchise turned into an embarrassment during the 2010-11 season. More than half of the roster was suspended

at least once for insubordination, and the team made headlines when seven players boycotted a shootaround in Philadelphia, leading Kuester to use just six players in that night's game.

"Right now, our first job is to get this franchise back on track," Pistons president Joe Dumars said. "We went through a very lengthy process with this hire—we started talking to Lawrence in June, and it is now August—

and I'm very confident that he's the right person to get us going in the right direction."

Although he didn't say it directly, Dumars knows that with new ownership his job might rely on this hire going well.

"Working with Tom (Gores) and his people was different, because they have a system in place that they use for a big hire—and this was definitely a big hire," Du-

mars said. "It was a very thorough search process, and that's what we needed, because we are desperate to find a long-term coach."

Frank brings the NBA experience that Curry and Kuester lacked—he coached the Nets from 2003-09, taking them to the playoffs four times—but he was asked about the stigma of having never played basketball, even in high school.

"It's not a stigma, it is a fact," he said. "I was like a bad Hollywood actor—all I ever heard was 'cut, cut, cut, cut.'

"My senior season, the coach put his arm around me and told me I had a ton of courage, but I was still cut."

Frank, though, didn't see that as a problem with the Nets and doesn't expect it to cause problems in Detroit.

Stern not threatened by overseas option

NEW YORK (AP)—David Stern thinks the only people NBA players are threatening by going overseas is themselves.

The NBA Commissioner dismissed the notion that it's a bargaining tactic, warning it could divide the union and possibly jeopardize players' contracts if they were to be seriously injured.

Locked out by the league, numerous players have said they would consider playing overseas. Yet Stern tells The Associated Press there are "maybe 10, 15, even 20 players who might, might be able to secure employment, but nothing approaching the NBA system."

"I think if anything, I think there's simply no way that the players collectively can generate more than a couple of hundred million dollars and we have a system that has been delivering \$2 billion to them," Stern said Tuesday in a phone interview.

"And in fact it threatens to do two things. It threatens to split the union because only the high-paying stars, only the superstars, will be able to get any significant number of dollars, and those dollars are so small compared to what they're leaving on the table in the U.S. that it just means they're going to be making a few more dollars than the non-superstars, and I think it's going to split the union. So I'm not a big fan of it, but not because it's a threat, but because it subjects our players to unnecessary risk and treats them disparately."

The union has encouraged players to find work rather than give in to the owners' economic demands, with the hope that owners would offer better proposals if they see their players have other options. Players Association executive director Billy Hunter recently sent a memo to all players endorsing contracts such as the one Nets

"And in fact it threatens to do All-Star Deron Williams agreed to with Besiktas of Turkey.

But Williams was set to earn more than \$16 million next season in the NBA. He will receive at most only a few million in Europe, so owners may not rush back to the table to pay him substantially more.

"Actually, we want to say, 'We want to give you 16. We don't want you to take 3. But if you want to play for 3 rather than 16, OK," Stern said. "And to the extent that the union has glamorized it at this point, I think, I'm not sure that's a great idea for its players."

The NBA, union, and FIBA, basketball's governing body that has to approve deals for players under NBA contract, have all said players are allowed to go but assume the risk if they are injured. Stern wouldn't rule out that teams could void the contract of a player if he is seriously hurt.



NFL, players working to finish CBA



NEW YORK (AP)—With yet another deadline approaching, NFL players and owners

still are debating drug testing, benefits and the player conduct policy disciplinary process as they work to complete the collective bargaining agreement.

The NFL and the players union were discussing those issues Wednesday, with the league year scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. EDT on Thursday. That's when players who signed new contracts will be allowed to practice for the first time if the players approve the CBA.

Among the players' concerns is how HGH testing would be implemented, who would oversee it and what would be a fair appeals process. Blood tests are used to look for HGH, while urine tests are used to detect other substances that violate the league's drug policy.

Commissioner Roger Goodell reiterated the expectation an agreement would be finalized on time.

"That's certainly our intention," he said Wednesday while visiting the Carolina Panthers. "If we can reach agreement and sign the collective bargaining agreement by tomorrow morning, we certainly expect for the new league year to start and the players to be out here tomorrow morning.'



Indianapolis Colts wide receiver Reggie Wayne goes low to make a catch during the NFL team's football training camp in Anderson, Ind., Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011.

Giants long snapper Zak De- very optimistic" that the CBA Ossie calls Thursday "a soft deadline" but says it's "looking

will be signed on time.

Steelers safety Ryan Clark

wasn't so sure.

"De Smith is still working," Clark said of the NFLPA executive director, "and we're trying to get this figured out. But it's not an absolute that guys will be at practice tomorrow."

Clark added that the disciplinary process "with Roger Goodell having total control over the fine process, that's a deal-breaker for us in this situation."

Pittsburgh has been one of the most fined teams in the league, particularly star linebacker James Harrison. The Steelers have been vocal about what they perceive as unfair treatment by the NFL.

"We feel like someone else should be on there; there should be some ... type of way - actually someone who's not on the NFL payroll," Clark said. "A big issue, for us, especially, as a team, is Roger Goodell ... being judge, jury and appeals system."

Following the 4 1/2-month lockout, all 32 teams are counting on having those players with new contracts at practice on Thursday, with a few clubs moving back the starting time of their workouts. Packers general manager Ted Thompson said he doesn't "even want to entertain the thought" of a delay.

"The first thing that's going to happen is I'm going to jump out of a building somewhere," Thompson joked.

Dallas player rep Jason Witten wasn't surprised that another deadline was being faced.

"We knew that was going to take a little bit of time (with) some of those issues," Witten said. "But, gosh, a lot of work's gone into it to get to this point; hate to see it slip."

As it is, according to Dolphins coach Tony Sparano, it will be difficult to get any of the players still in waiting onto the field for the first weekend of exhibition games.

"You kind of have to go with what you have now," he said. "You run the risk of injury a little bit because you're down on bodies."

One of those bodies most eager to get back on the field is Reggie Bush, who was traded to Miami by New Orleans last week.

"Honestly, I hope it happens tomorrow," Bush said. "There are a lot of guys in the league right now who need to get to work."

Eagles' Patterson has seizure; alert at hospital

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP)— Eagles defensive tackle Mike Patterson likely will stay overnight at a hospital after suffering a seizure at training camp at Lehigh University, trainer Rick Burkholder said Wednesday.

Patterson dropped to the ground between plays during a morning practice, and the player began violently shaking. He was immediately tended to by Burkholder and his staff, with assistance from rookie offensive lineman Danny Watkins, a trained firefighter.

Burkholder said the 6-foot-1, 300-pound Patterson was undergoing further tests at Lehigh Valley Hospital.

"Chances are really good we're going to keep him in overnight for observation," Burkholder said. "He's there with his wife. The only thing that we've really ruled out, he didn't have any bleeding in his brain or anything like that. The bleeding that some of you saw was that he bit his tongue, they've confirmed that, and they're running more tests on him right now.

"But he's very stable. He wants to come back to training camp, but he's over there being observed, but that's pretty normal for somebody who has a seizure. Standard protocol says keep him in overnight to watch him and keep some monitors on him and whatnot."

Patterson's agent JR Ricket said in a statement that the player is "in no pain and doing well."

"We are very grateful for everyone's prayers and support," he added. "Mike will be back at practice as soon as the doctors clear him."

Burkholder said the seizure lasted about four minutes, and Patterson lost consciousness at one point as he was on the ground.

As players kneeled nearby, holding hands and praying, an ambulance arrived and Patterson was placed on a stretcher and lifted into the ambulance.

The linemen resumed practice after about 15 minutes. The skill position players did 7-on-7 drills on another field while Patterson was down.

"We were all on edge a

little bit and Rick just kind of calmed the situation down," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "One thing I think he did a phenomenal job with was evaluating it, evaluating the situation in a calm way."

It was a cool day at camp. Temperatures were in the high 70s when the players took the field for their morning session.

Patterson, 28, was the Eagles' first-round pick out of Southern California in 2005. He's started 84 games and played in 95, the most of anybody on the current roster.

Burkholder said there's no timetable for Patterson's re-

"We'll turn that over to the neurologists and those people who are absolute experts," he said. "It's not like hamstring strains. We don't see tons of seizures in our sport, so that's why I have a whole team of physicians, and Lehigh Valley Hospital has a great neuro department, so we're allowing them to handle the case now and then we'll get him to see our docs down at the Pennsylvania Hospital eventually."

With Patterson and fellow defensive lineman Trevor Laws (hip) both possibly out for a while, the Eagles agreed to terms with veteran tackles Anthony Hargrove and Derek Landri

Hargrove, a third-round pick of the Rams in 2004, has played in 87 regular-season games, starting 25. He was suspended twice while with the Buffalo Bills for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy, for four games in 2007 and then for the entire 2008 season.

He returned to the NFL in 2009 and had a career-high five sacks in 16 games, six starts, for the Super Bowlchampion New Orleans Saints. Hargrove played 14 games last season for the Saints.

Landri spent his first three seasons with the Jaguars, who drafted him out of Notre Dame in 2007.

He was claimed off waivers by the Panthers late in 2009 and started all 16 games for Carolina last year, the first starts of his career. He had three sacks last year and has six in 51 career games.

Giants will not trade Umenyiora for now EAST RUTHERFORD, at practice anytime soon, short al strategy of keeping their own

N.J. (AP)—The Giants have changed their minds about trading disgruntled defensive end Osi Umenyiora.

In an e-mail to Umenyiora's agent Tony Agnone, the Giants ordered him to stop speaking to other teams about a trade, the desired compensation for which would have been a firstround draft pick. Umenyiora, dissatisfied with a contract that will pay him \$7.1 million over the remaining two seasons of a six-year, \$41 million extension he signed in 2005, reportedly is looking for a six-year deal in excess of \$10 million per year.

The Broncos, Ravens, Seahawks, Rams, and Chargers showed some interest in the pass rusher who finished last season with 11 1/2 sacks. But none was willing to give up a first-rounder.

Unless Giants general manager Jerry Reese changes his mind again, the team will either negotiate a new agreement with Umenyiora or force him to play under his current deal. Despite being cleared to practice following offseason hip surgery, Umenyiora has stayed off the practice field. He has attended team meetings. He missed the first day of training camp and incurred a \$30,000 fine.

Umenyiora doesn't plan to be

of a contract resolution. At a meeting Wednesday, Reese told him to take the rest of the day off to clear his head.

Umenyiora's situation has left his teammates in a quandary. They expressed confidence they had the right personnel to compensate for not having Umenyiora, and the Giants worked out former Rams and Redskins pass rusher Andre Carter this week.

Defensive end Mathias Kiwanuka, who re-signed with the Giants for two years, \$3.25 million after finding no opportunities in the free agent market, said he understood Umenyiora's dilemma.

"He's in the building, and obviously we'd love to have him on the field," Kiwanuka said.

Linebacker Michael Boley pointed to second-year player Jason Pierre-Paul as a quick remedy if Umenyiora stays off

"He's a tremendous athlete," Boley said of the 6-foot-5, 270-pound Pierre-Paul, who finished third on the team last year with 4 1/2 sacks as a rookie. "To run the way he does at his size, and he's strong at that, he can make a lot of plays for us."

Meanwhile, the Indianapolis Colts have altered this year's game plan.

After sticking to the tradition-

players, the Colts have surprisingly emerged as a major player in free agency.

Since Monday, they've signed three former first-round draft picks — defensive lineman Jamaal Anderson(notes), linebacker Ernie Sims(notes) and now defensive tackle Tommie Harris(notes)—along with their own first-round pick, left tackle Anthony Castonzo(notes). They may not be done, either.

"You never say never," coach Jim Caldwell said. "So many things change and you have to re-evaluate things, sometimes every day."

The most recent move came Wednesday morning when Caldwell confirmed the signing of Harris. The former Chicago Bear went to three straight Pro Bowls from 2005-07, then endured three injury-plagued seasons that prevented him from being a disruptive force. He was released in February.

No, this is not Colts football by the book, but it could work.

Indy patiently waited for the high-profile, big-dollar free agents to sign their deals, then swooped in looking for bargains on the secondary market to start filling in its roster. For years, Indy has been trying to add depth on the defensive front and beef up a run defense that has struggled. The three newcomers could play a big role in finally achieving that goal.

"Obviously, the guys all have speed and power and they all happen to be on the defensive side of the ball, so we think we have a role for them," Caldwell said.

The reasons for choosing Indy vary.

Anderson, taken No. 8 overall in 2007, will get a fresh start after four sub-par seasons in At-Sims, selected No. 9 by De-

troit in 2006, wanted to play in

the Tampa 2 system he thrived in during his first three years in Detroit. Sims had more than 100 tackles each of those seasons. The Colts also are hoping a change of scenery will help change Harris' fortunes. He was taken No. 14 by Chicago

in 2004 but had not arrived at

training camp on Wednesday

morning in Anderson, Ind. Post-lockout rules prevent any of the veteran free agents from practicing until Friday. Anderson and Sims can't wait to put on the pads.

"I want to get back to a team that utilizes my ability and talent. Other teams were going in different directions and I think I can step in here," Sims said Wednesday. "I want to help this team win games."

UFO Docomo Pacific Cup draws 9 teams



Organization Youth and Masters Basketball Docomo Pacif-

ic Cup 2011 so far has attracted nine teams and slots are still available, as the league will not kick off until next week.

In an email to Saipan Tribune, UFO president Bong Malasarte said five teams have already registered for the youth division, while the masters category has four. The youth division for 15 to 20 age group has the MDX Amateur Radio Club/Armatech Team, Samahang Laguna/Unity Lions Club, Northern Marianas Bartender Association/G-Rollers, Samahang Manggagawang Filipino/Melvin Demonteverde Team, and Samahang Ilokano & Pangasinense/Flor Miranda Team. The masters teams (for 40-and-above age group) list include MDX Amateur Radio Club/Armatech Team, Association of Filipino



MAFEA/Ebisuya's Francis Rebuyon, right, challenges the defense of Cabalen/Wings Travel's Robert Guiang, left, and Robert Tamondong during their title game in the masters division of last year's UFO caging at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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UFO caging organizers are hoping to have at least six teams each in the masters and youth divisions and the league will open next Sunday at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe. The opening ceremony is set for 2pm and three games will be played in the opening day with the first one scheduled in Susupe and the last two at the TSL Sports Complex.

Entrance fees for the youth and masters divisions are \$350 and \$500, respectively, exclusive of uniforms.

Representatives of confirmed teams and those interested in joining the competition are requested to attend a meeting tonight at 6pm at the pavilion near the Civic Center.

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second win, as he drilled three goals. He and Trey Dunn scored one goal apiece in the first half, while Ropati Tonuu made one, too for Docomo's 4-3 advantage.

Kirk Schuler nailed twin goals for IT&E in the first half, while Jin Han Yoon added one to keep the team in the game after 25 minutes of play. However, IT&E's offense went cold in the second half, while Loken connected on two more goals to lift Docomo to a win.

Mellow Yellow 4, **Thundercats 3**

Mellow Yellow snapped its fourgame losing skid after edging the Thundercats in the second men's

Mellow Yellow dropped its first four matches before making it to the win column on Wednesday night, while the Thundercats are still winless af-

The battle of the bottom feeders was in a deadlock at the break, 2-all. Ho Jin Woo tallied both goals for Mellow Yellow, while Lin Zhi Peng duplicated

Woo remained on target in the second half, adding two more

The long awaitare scheduled every Saturday at the "Tan Ko" ballfield.

SML opens youth league tomorrow

ed opening of

Saipan Ma-

jor League's

Summer/Fall Youth Baseball

League will be held tomorrow

at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Pa-

lacios Ballfield with a double-

Five teams make up the

league: Fielders 1 and 2,

Kagman Lions, Ol'Aces, and

Saturday's season opener

showcases Fielders 1 squaring

off against Titanium at 2pm,

while the second game at 4pm

will have the Kagman Lions tak-

ing on Fielders 2. The Ol'Aces

see action next week. All games

feature starting at 2pm.

The youth league is for players in the 14 to 18 age group. Games will be played under seven innings. Since it's a developmental program, wooden bats will be used in place of aluminum.

Weather permitting, each team is guaranteed to play 20 games or more, exclusive of the playoffs. However, to prevent injuries, this format will require a four-inning limit per pitcher, per game.

For more information, contact SML's Tony Rogolifoi at 288-3515. (Walter Cepeda Sutherland)

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Wong crushed the CNMI mark in the 200m IM two years after falling short in the same tournament in Rome, Italy.

"In Rome the 200IM was my last event, way after all the tapering. I also mainly trained for breaststroke for Worlds 09, which really paid off because all my breaststroke times dropped. As for China, I think I just got stronger, my cardio improved, and my racing and

stroke got refined. I was also more mentally apt for this Worlds. I was more focused and calm before, during, and after the races," Wong said.

Then in his second event in Shanghai, the 200m breaststroke, Wong submitted 2:23.35 in the qualifying heat, shaving off more than three seconds from his personal best and qualifying times and breaking the CNMI record, too. (2:26.83).

"In the 200m breaststroke, I swam at 2:24.00 a month ago in Hawaii and it really gave me confidence that I can drop even cut by just .06 of a second. I will try to do it this time in the World University Games. Overall, I am happy with my times and I raced with everything I got. However, I know I can do better and improve myself both in practice and racing," the 20-year-old swimmer said

Wong added the event in Shanghai—his third World Championships appearance-warmed him up for the World University Games.

"The trip was really awesome, I feel like I have reached finishing races but also competing with other great athletes. I just thank God for the great opportunities and blessings that he have given me, my family and friends for their love, and my coaches and teammates for their encouragement. There is more to come," Wong said.

The swimming competition in the 2011 Summer Universiade will run from Aug. 14 to 19 at the 2,800-seater Natatorium of Universiade Center in Universiade New Town, Longgang District.

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gars, Chong's Corporation, and

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division match, 4-2.

ter five games.

the feat with his own twin goals.

goals to give Mellow Yellow its first win. Timothy Tawanpiy scored the Thundercats' lone goal in the second half.

WOMEN'S Thai Team 1, **Red Team O**

Also barging into the win column was Thai Team, which outclassed Red Team, 1-0.

Catherine Perry logged the lone goal in the match, finding the back of the net in the first half to hand Thai Team its first win in four games.

Red Team is back on a slump, as it absorbed its second straight loss and third overall in five games.

With the win, Thai Team moved out of the cellar, climbing from eighth to seventh place. Red Team sits at fifth.

Shirley's A 8, **IT&E Blossom O**

Shirley's A took the solo lead in the women's division after shutting out IT&E Blossom, 8-0.

Shirley's A stretched its unbeaten record to five, one win ahead of sister team Shirley's B.

Melody Johnson and Jeraldine Castillo posted two goals apiece in the first half and Shirley's A had the game in the bag at this point, as Charlene Lizardo also scored for a big 5-0 lead. Marilou Gariguez, Dianne Pablo, and Lizardo added one goal apiece in the second half to complete the blowout win.

IT&E Blossom is the lone squad in the women's division that has yet to break into the win column.

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which includes the Ladies, Super-Senior, Senior, C, B, A and Championship classes. Organizers are considering offering a junior flight next year.

Hole-in-one prizes include a pair of round trip business class tickets to anywhere in the U.S. provided by Delta Airlines on the west course's hole No. 3; \$50,000 provided by AON insurance on west's hole No. 7 and East's hole No. 11; a 2011 Mazda 3 provided by Triple J Motors on west's hole No. 13; a brand new blue 2011 Ford Fiesta from Joeten Motors on west's hole No. 17; \$25,000 from Bank of Hawaii on east's hole No. 4; two \$500

closest-to-the pin chances on east's hole No. 6; and one year of free golf at Laolao on east's hole No. 15.

Meanwhile, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial hosted a cocktail party Wednesday night at Hard Rock Café to show his appreciation to TOC sponsors.

"Despite our economic challenges, I am thankful for the continued support of all of these corporate sponsors because the proceeds raised from the TOC is and has always been used to directly help improve tourism on Saipan by maintaining and enhancing destination areas," said Fitial.

Fitial added the TOC is a and bronze sponsors. worthy cause and is thankful that the event is entering its 16th year.

Babauta also took the podium

and discussed some of their current and past projects

"We have recently planted trees in the median on Airport Road and are currently enhancing the Port To Pathway from Smiling Cove to Garapan's special district area as well as maintaining the flowerbeds in Paseo De Marianas," Babauta said.

"This year's proceeds will be used towards some renovations at Bird Island and repairs of the stairways, railings, and some leveling of the area at Mt. Tapochau," he added.

After the remarks, certificates of appreciation were presented to TOC's platinum, gold, silver

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4:30pm, followed by the Satbahi-Hoops tussle at 5:30pm. Then RBC U16-A returns to the court to face off with adult Madness at 6:30pm, while Blue Haus challenges RBC U14-B in

Third Game

Madness 54 – Mizer 10, D. Reyes 9, Manglona 8, J. Norita 8, Ogarto 6, Z. Babauta 4, P. Nortita 4, Litulumar 3, Ulloa 2.

12, Chen 8, Sablan 8, Sison 8. Scoring by halves: 27-24,

Fourth Game

Happiness 49 – Lauron 11, Z. Diaz 10, Palacios 8, Z. Babauta 6, Ulloa 4, Lisua 4, D. Tenorio 4, Galulu 2.

Blue Haus 48 - Aulerio 18, Brennan 9, L. Reyes 8, Torres 6,

Scoring by halves: 22-15, 49-48.

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ing, 54-48.

In Game 3, Madness managed a 27-23 advantage in the first half; Dominic Reyes led the team with five markers in the frame.

Madness pressed on in the payoff period as seven different players contributed on offense. Josh Norita and Chris Mizer combined for 11 points in the clutch. Mizer led Madness with 10 points, while Satbahi's Inos and Tengco topped the field with 12 markers apiece on the short end.

The Step-Up tournament aims to help younger players compete at a higher level, while still forcing the more experienced players to work on their half court offensive strategies.

The competition continues tomorrow night with RBC U18 taking on RBC U16-A at

the 7:30pm closer.

Satbahi 48 – Inos 12, Tengco

J. Lizama 4, Basa 2.



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Rezne returns to China for more records



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Rezne Wong, left, seen here at the starting block for the 200m breaststroke race in the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau, is heading back to China this weekend for the 2011 Summer Universiade.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

NMI swimmer Rezne Wong is Universide SHENZHEN 2011 not done yet despite two-record breaking swims in the 14th FINA World Championships in

Shanghai, China.

Wong will be representing the Commonwealth to the 26th Summer Universiade, which incidentally will be held in

China, too. The 2011 Summer Universiade, also known as the World University Games and sanctioned by the International



run Aug. 11 to 23 in Shenzhen and will feature athletes in the collegiate level.

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sity Sports

The CNMI swimmer will return to China this weekend and will be joined by fellow athlete Matthew Mancao and Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association president Michael White in Shenzhen.

Wong will be competing in the 200m individual medley and 200m breaststroke races in Shenzhen. These are the same events he had in Shanghai where he reset the CNMI national records. He finished the 200m IM at the Shanghai Oriental Sports Center in two minutes and 10.18 seconds, surpassing the Commonwealth national mark (2:14.48) by more than four seconds.

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C lures Guam, Japan golfers

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The 16th Annual Tournament of Champions will kick off tomorrow with

Guam and Japan golfers joining a field of more than 200 golfers teeing off at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

TOC committee chair Ben Babauta said of over 200 golfers expected to show up in the weekend competition, 130 had already confirmed. Of these, 30 golfers from Guam and eight from Japan will be making the trip over. The event can accommodate a maximum of 288 players. Deadline to sign up and submit the \$175 entrance fee is at noon today.

Over \$400,000 in prizes is on the table for the seven flights, See TOC on Page 35



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

From right, Gov. Benigno Fitial presents a plaque of appreciation to Marianas Visitors Authority's Bruce Bateman, and Martin Duenas for MVA's continued support to the Tournament of Champions. Also in the photo is TOC chair Ben Babauta, left.

Back-to-back wins for Docomo

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO roselyn_monroyo@saipantribune.com



Corporate rivals Docomo and IT&E collided in the first men's division

game in the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League Wednesday night at the TSL Sports Complex with the former prevailing, 6-3.

The victory was second in a row for Docomo, improving its record to 2-1-2 (win-lossdraw) for third place in the eight-team field behind the undefeated Korean Futsal Team (4-0-0) and Wild Bill's (3-1-0). IT&E dropped to fifth spot with its 2-3-0 card, as the team suffered its third straight defeat.

Peter Loken led Docomo's See BACK-TO-BACK on Page 35



A Docomo striker stops the ball during their men's division game against IT&E in the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League Wednesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Happiness edges Blue Haus, 49-48

By WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND ta and Alex Lauron held it to-



past Blue Haus, 49-48, in the Rollers

Basketball Club Step-Up Tournament's late night match last Monday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Happiness took an early 22-15 lead in the opening frame off a balanced attack. Five Happiness players chipped in four points apiece, while Blue Haus struggled to find the bottom of the net in the first half.

Blue Haus' Brandon Aulerio and Luizi Reyes mounted a comeback attempt after the break, teaming up for 18 markers, but Happiness' Zack Babaugether and thwarted the effort.

The smaller Blue Haus Rollers Hap- scrappers forced 20 turnovers piness slipped in the game, but Happiness won the battle of the boards and was rewarded with multiple second chance baskets.

Lauron led Happiness with 11 points, while Brandon Aulreio turned in a game-high 18 in the defeat.

In other results, RBC U16-A was leading RBC U14-B, 38-24, with six minutes left in the second half of Monday's curtain raiser, but the game was postponed due to time constraints. RBC U14-A was awarded a win via forfeit against the Hoops in the second game, while RBC Madness defeated Satbahi in the third pair-

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